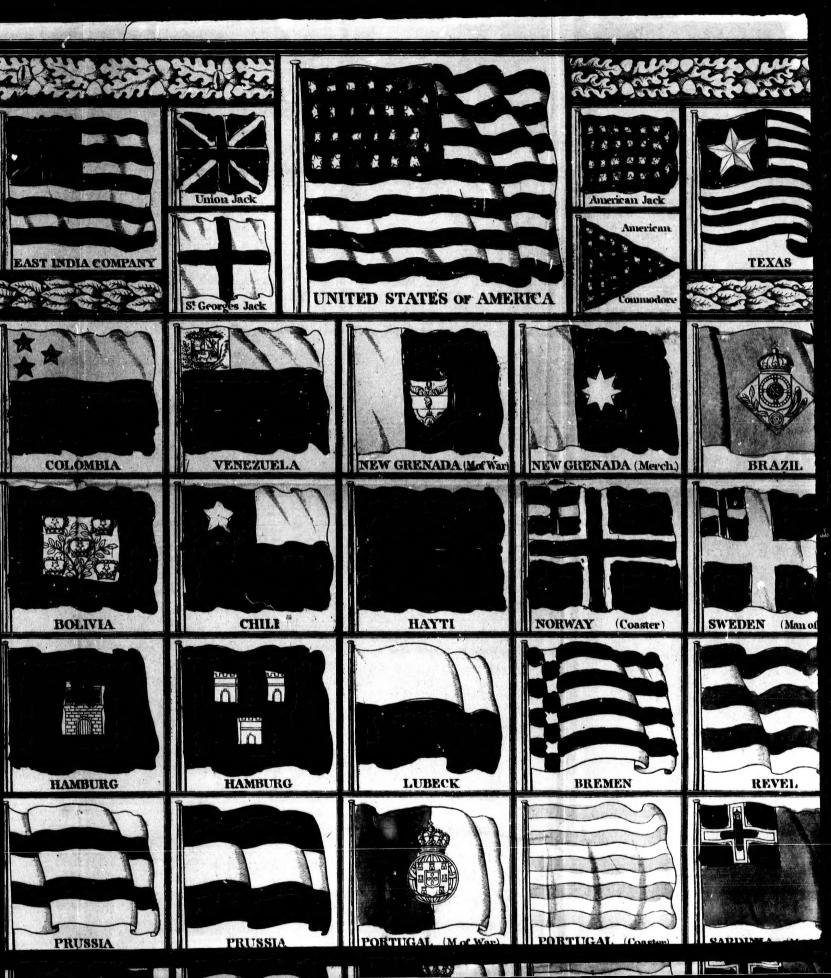
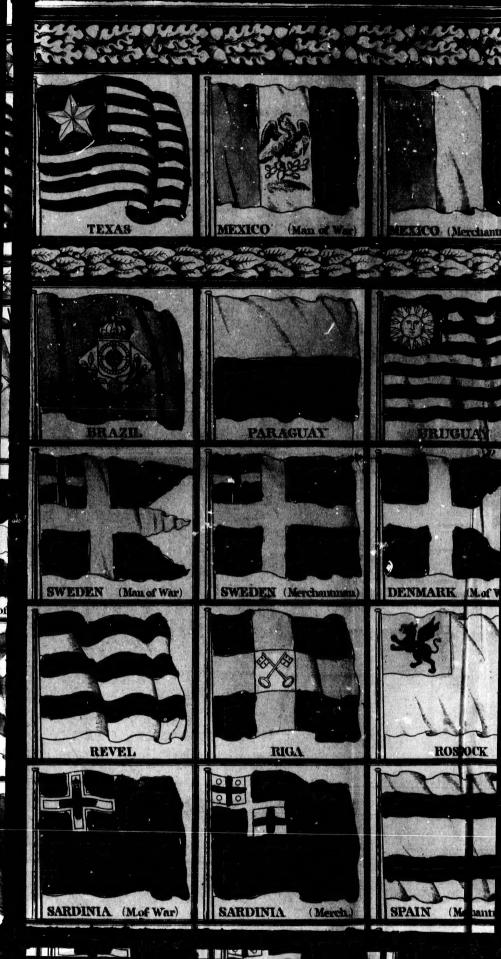
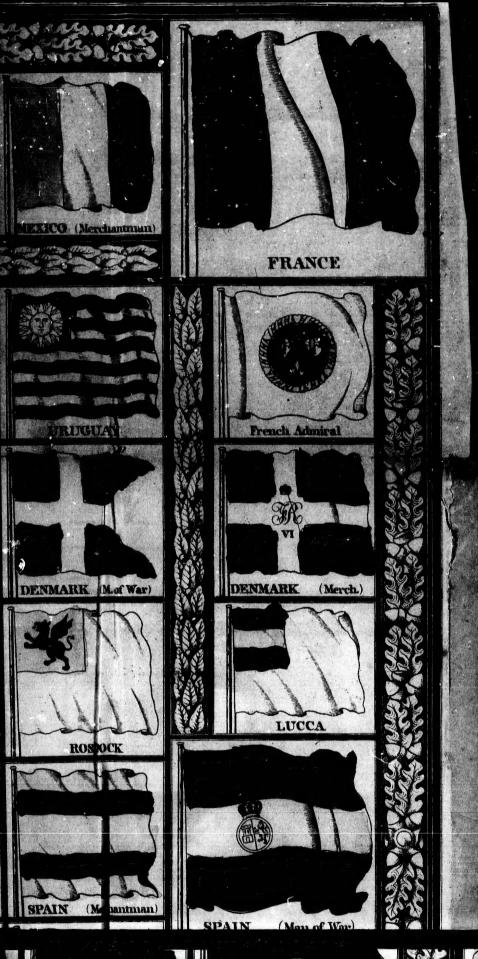
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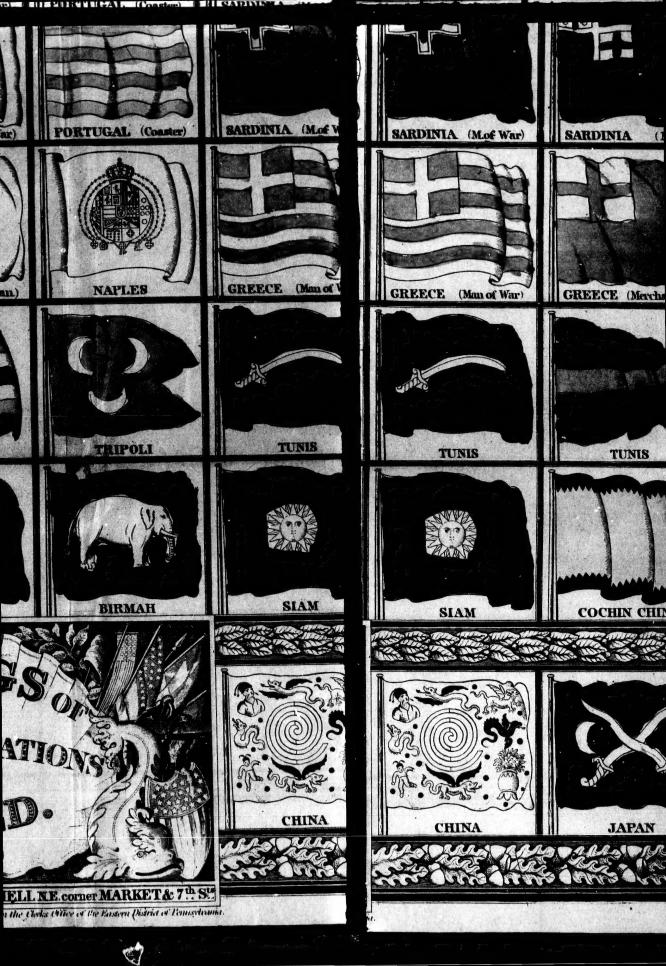


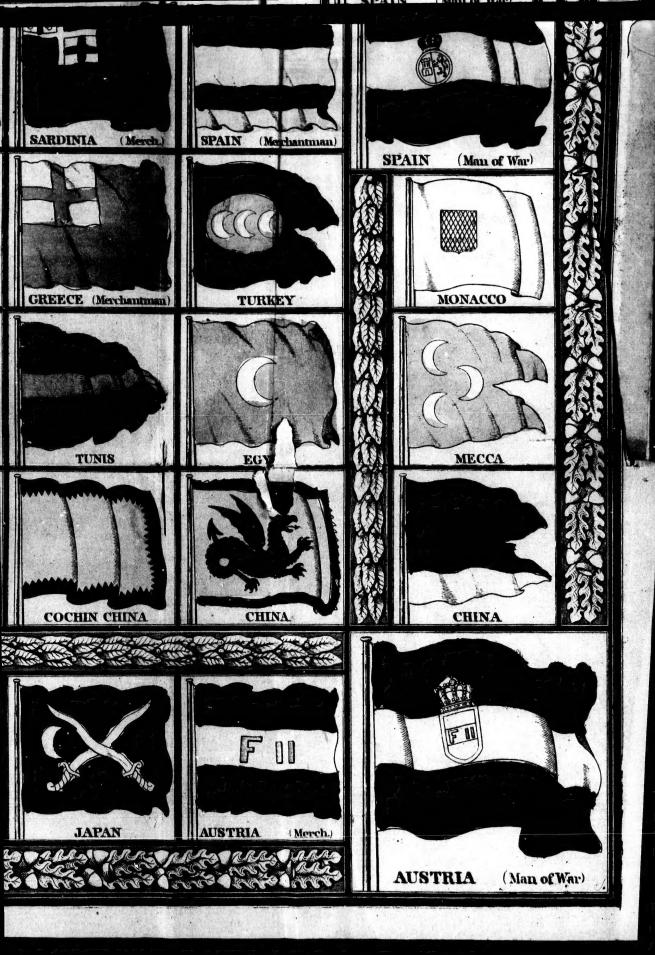


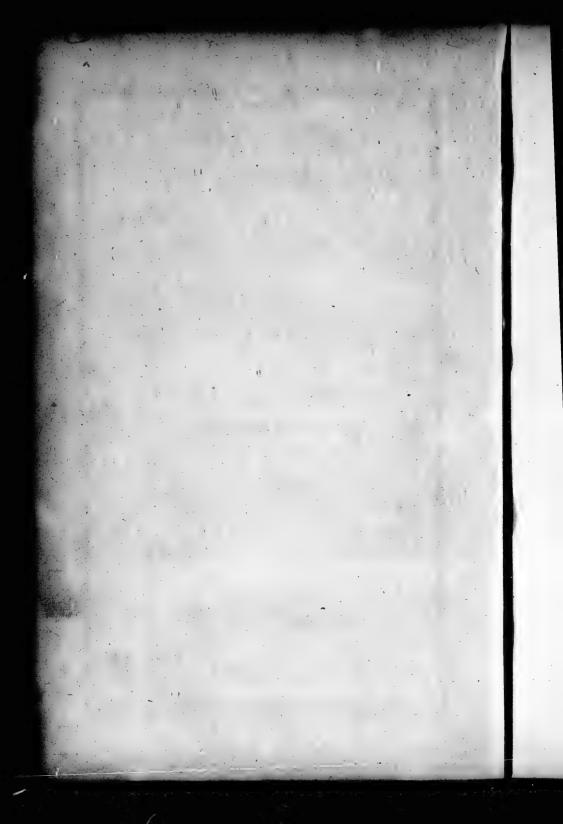




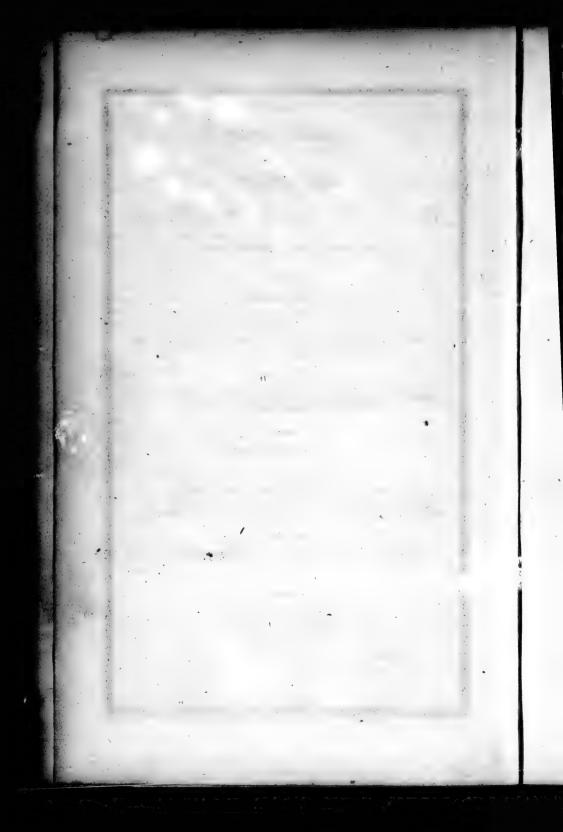








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WITH THEIR

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PREFACE.

On the utility and importance of the study of Geography, it would be needless to expatiate; every person's experience must show that some acquaintance with it is indispensable in the ordinary business and intercourse of life. It enables the navigator, the merchant, and the military commander, to carry on their respective operations; and embraces a vast variety of those objects which are most interesting in themselves, and with which it concerns man most to be acquainted. It is evident, that at a very early period of society, the necessity of cultivating this science, must in a measure have attracted the attention of mankind: their curiosity to know something of the country they inhabited, and the necessity of marking, in some manner, the boundaries of their property, would unite in forming the outlines, and directing their attention to the subject.

In modern times, and especially at the present period, the general intercourse of knowledge amongst all classes, the intimate commercial and political relations existing between civilized communities, and the universal desire of all enquiring minds to become acquainted with distant countries, and with the inhabitants, condition, and productions of regions differing from our own, unite in rendering geographical knowledge interesting to the majority, and to many indispensable in qualifying them for the pursuits of commerce and industry, and for much of the current and daily

avocations of life.

The object of the following Accompaniment is not to give extended geographical details, but rather general results, so that it may present in connexion with the Map, a distinct view of the principal geographical features of the world, and serve, generally, as a work of reference. In its compilation, the principal of the numerous works which have issued from the press within the last few years on geography, travels, statistics, &c... have been consulted, and in all cases the most recent published details in the latter branch of science are given; of the works most freely resorted to, the principal are, Murray's Encyclopædia of Geography, Malte-Brun's and Goodrich's Universal Geography, Flint's Geography of the Western States and Territories, Encyclopædia Americana, Darby and Dwight's United States Gazetteer, Origin and History of Missions, Missionary Gazetteer, Ellis's Polynesian Researches, Transactions of the Geographical Society of London, &c. The extent of the Accompaniment being necessarily limited, a comprehensive and minute detail, either in the description of countries, or in the statement of facts, is not to be expected: yet, notwithstanding, it is believed that the leading features in the general account given of each of the great divisions of the earth and their respeceve subdivisions, will be found sufficiently clear and distinct as to give those who may consult it, a general idea of the present geography of the world, as accurate as can probably be gleaned from any equal number of

pages extant on the same subject.

In treating of geography, it is usual to arrange and describe countries according to their real or supposed political importance; a method which is rather calculated to confuse and bewilder the mind than otherwise, in consequence of the necessity of referring to the Map in an irregular manner. In the following Accompaniment, it is proposed to adopt a purely geographical arrangement, commencing with North America, which lies at the north-west corner of the map, and passing thence to the other grand divisions of the globe, taking up in succession South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and finally, the fifth grand division, or Oceanica. In this way, it is believed, a clear and distinct representation of the various portions of the earth, will probably be more vividly impressed on the

mind than by any other method.

The Map of the World is constructed on Mercator's Projection, and is the largest and most comprehensive work of the kind ever published in America. It is engraved, printed, coloured, and mounted, in the most eleant manner. In its geographical details, this Map represents the surface of the earth as it really exists, according to the best authorities; the routes and tracks of the most celebrated Travellers and Navigators, from the first voyage of Columbus to that of Lieutenant Wilkes, are distinctly exhibited, and all the recent Geographical and Nautical discoveries in Africa, America, and Australia, and in the Pacific, Arctic, and Antartic Oceans, are accurately represented,—among the latter is the line of coast discovered by the United States' Exploring Expedition, in the year 1840. Many islands, the majority of which were discovered by American navirators, are also now inserted for the first time in a general map of the world. The Consulting Index, comprising near thirteen thousand items. will, with the plan adopted for its use, be found to give great facility in searching for the position of the various countries, cities, towns, islands, ko., represented on the Map.

The present edition of the accompaniment to "Mitchell's Map of the World" has been subjected to such a revision as the progressive state of geographical knowledge requires. The articles describing the various sections of the United States have been made to correspond, in every respect, with the Census of 1840; those connected with Great Britain and Ireland, \ ith the Census of 1841; and those descriptive of the other portions of the globe, with the statements found in M'Culloch's Universal Casetteer (Am. ed.), and other approved Geographical works recently published. The whole will, it is believed, be found to correspond with the present condition of the earth as nearly as a work of its limits, illustrating a subject involving such an infinite number and variety of details, can be

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ABBREVIATIONS.

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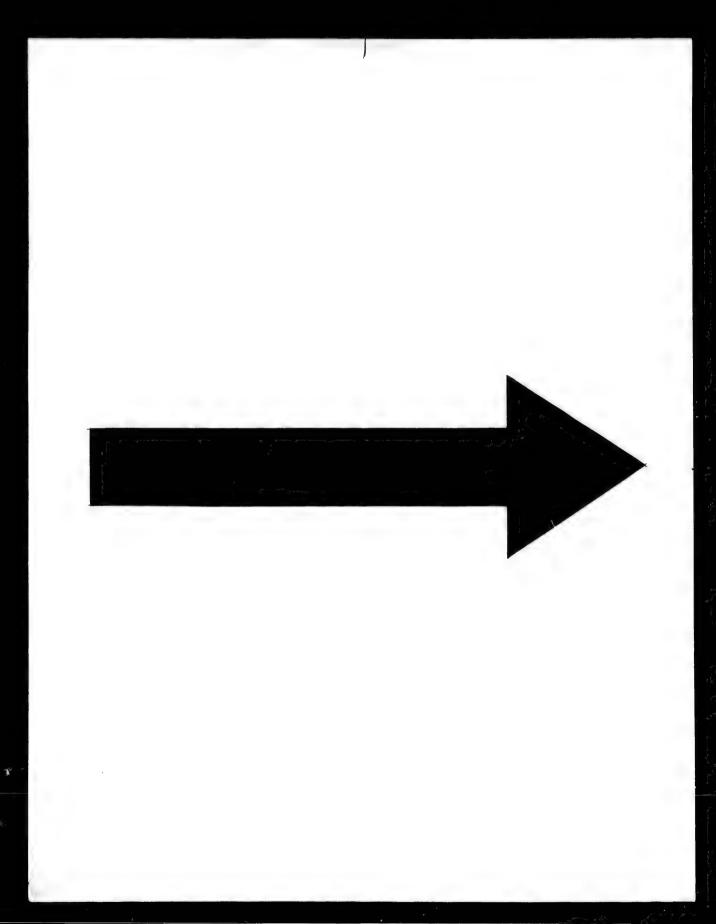
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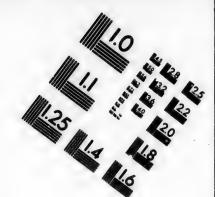
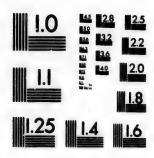
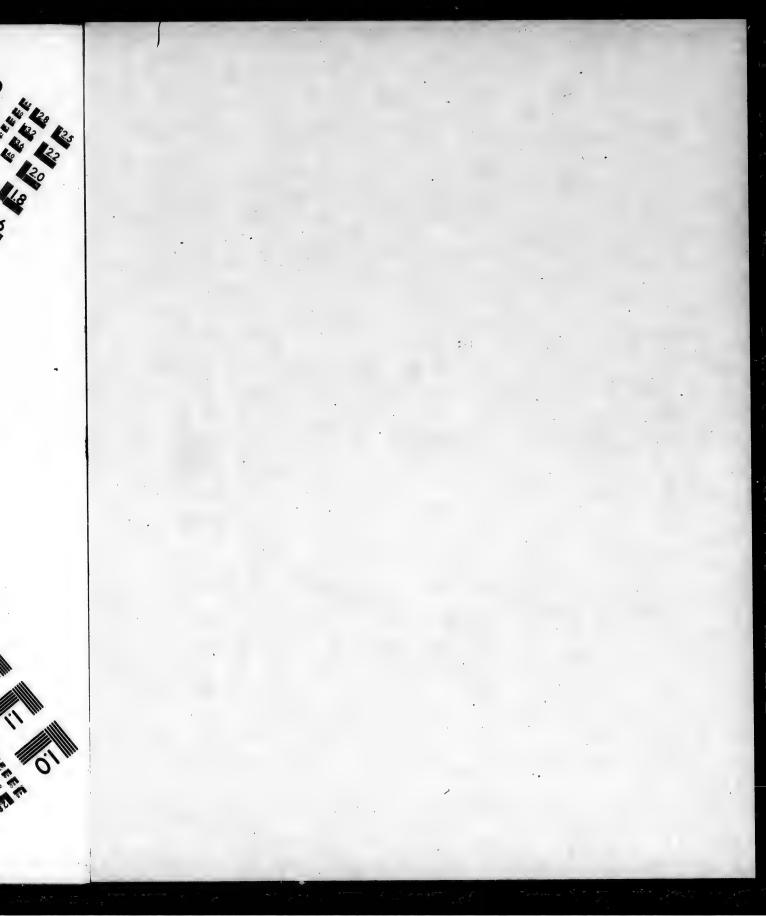


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THE WORLD.

THE WORLD comprises five great divisions, viz.: America, Enrope, Asia, Africa, and Oceanica: the second, third, and fourth of them, comprised all that was known to the ancients: hence, this part of the earth is frequently called the Old World, and also the Eastern Continent; and America, by way of distinction, is often called the New World, and likewise the Western Continent.

AMERICA is a vast continent, entirely separated from the other parts of the earth. Though inferior either to Europe, Asia, or Africa in population, and particularly to the former in knowledge, refinement, and importance; yet its vast extent, great natural capabilities, and the freedom of its political institutions, will, in time, enable the nations of the Western Continent, not only to equal, but probably much to surpass, the greatest monarchies of the Old World.

America was unknown to the civilized world until comparatively recent times. Greenland was discovered by the Icelanders as early as A. D. 982; and either Newfoundland or New England appears to have been discovered by Biorn, a Norwegian, in 1002, under the name of Vinland. It is also supposed that the brothers Zeno, of Venice, discovered the same region, which they called Estotiland, in 1390; but still the existence of a Western Continent was not believed in by the civilized world, until the first voyage of Columbus, in the year 1492. His subsequent voyages, in 1493, 1498, and 1503, with those of the Cabots, Magellan, and others, shortly established the existence of a New World.

EUROPE, though the smallest of the three great divisions of the Eastern Continent, is the first in importance, the most thickly peopled, and the best cultivated. In modern times it has been the point from which civilization and knowledge have been extended to other nations, and its emigrants have peopled all the civilized countries of the other parts of the world.

Though Europe was the latest portion of the Eastern Continent that received the light of civilization, yet it must now be considered as the centre of refinement and learning. The most useful inventions in the arts, the finest productions of genius, and the improvement of all the sciences, belong to the people of this region.

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The southern and central parts of Europe only were known to the ancient civilized nations. The early Christian missionaries explored the regions of northern Europe, and first made the world acquainted with them. The most ancient account of northern Europe was written by Alfred the Great, king of England, who in A. D. 901 sent Other to sail around the North Cape to the White Sea, and Wulstan, to explore the Gulf of Finland; both of which objects were attained. Iceland was

discovered about 840, by Nadod, a Danish or Norwegian pirate; Spitzbergen, in 1553, by Sir Hugh Willoughby; and Nova Zembla, by English navigators, in 1556.

Asia is the largest and most populous of the great divisions of the globe. It has been the seat of some of the most powerful empires of ancient times, and the theatre of many of the most interesting events recorded in history.

It was here our first parents were created, and from this quarter the descendants of Noah peopled the world after the flood. It was also the birth-place of our Saviour, the scene of his miracles and death, and the field on which the Apostles

first published salvation to man.

In Asia all has continued fixed as if by enchantment. We see empires whose origin is lost in the unknown beginnings of time; laws, institutions, and ideas,

which have remained unaltered during thousands of years, exhibiting a picture of the domestic life of man, as it existed in the earliest ages.

Central Asia became known to the Greeks by the expedition of Alexander the Great. The navigation to India, via the Red Sea, &c., which began about the commencement of the Christian era, made the Romans acquainted with Hindoostan and Thibet. China became known to them at a later period, and to the Arabians about A. D. 850. The Crusades made the nations of Europe more familiar with western Asia; and the travels of Marco Polo, and other travellers who succeeded him, opened up Eastern Asia to their view. The discovery of the passage to the East, by the Cape of Good Hope, soon made the southern and eastern coasts of Asia familiar to Europeans, and the conquest of Siberia, by the Russians, with the exploration of its shores, have made the world acquainted with northern Asia; there are still, however, extensive regions in Central Asia, that are but little known.

Aprica is a vast peninsula, joined to Asia by the isthmus of Suez. It comprises nearly one-fourth part of the land surface of the globe, being about one-third

less than Asia, and three times larger than Europe.

This quarter of the world is almost wholly in a state of barbarism, yet in ancient times its northern countries were among the most enlightened in the world, and still have written languages. They are now, however, among the lowest of the half-civilized nations.

Africa is the hottest region of the globe, and lies mostly within the tropics. The influence of a tropical climate extends even to those portions which are in the

temperate zones.

The knowledge which the ancients had of Africa was confined to the regions on the north side of the equator. The more southern coasts were gradually explored by the Portuguese. Zarco discovered Madeira in 1419. Notel discovered the Cape de Verde islands in 1446. Escovar coasted Guinea in 1471; Deigo Cam sailed to Congo in 1484; and Bartholomew Diaz reached the southern point of Africa in 1496. Vasco de Gama first sailed around that Cape, and reached India in 1498. Since that time many enterprises, both by sea and land, have been undertaken, for the purpose of exploring Africa; still, our knowledge of it is exceedingly imperfect.

OCEANICA is the last established and least important of the great divisions of the earth. It comprises a vast assemblage of islands, situated partly to the south of

Asia, and partly in the wide Pacific between Asia and America.

The discovery of this quarter of the globe commenced after America and the Pacific Ocean were known to Europeans. The interior of some of its larger islands are among the least known portions of the earth, and many of the inhabit-

ants are still in a state of the most savage and degrading rudeness.

The discovery of Oceanica began with the Portuguese, who, immediately after they had found their way to the East by the Cape of Good Hope, commenced the work of exploring the adjacent insular regions. Magellan followed, in 1521, and first gave an idea of the vast extent of the Pacific Ocean. Many adventurous navigators, since that period, have from time to time explored all parts of the Pacific Ocean; so that probably very little remains to be known.

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AMERICA.

America is a vast continent comprising one of the grand divisions of the globe; it contains an extent of territory nearly equal to half the area of the Eastern Continent, constituting about three-tenths of the dry land on the surface of the earth; it is washed on both sides by vast oceans, on the east by the Atlantic, and on the west by the Pacific. It ranges from north to south through 195 degrees of latitude, and in its widest part 113 degrees of longitude, being in length about 9000 miles, and in average breadth about 2000; the extent of surface has been variously estimated at from 14,622,000 to 17,303,000 square miles.

America comprehends the whole of the tropical and temperate climates, with part of the arctic on both sides of the equator. The whole of the continent north of latitude 55° may be considered as a frozen region. In Greenland, and around Hudson's Bay, mercury freezes in winter, and ice and snow accumulate on the land and water, and covers a great part of the country throughout the year. The winter begins in August, and continues for nine months. In summer the heat is as great as in New England; it continues, however, for too short a period to bring grain to maturity, and cultivation is very little practised. Vegetation is too scanty to supply the inhabitants with any considerable part of their food: they

therefore live chiefly on seals and other productions of the sea.

Between 55° and 44° north, the climate of North America is still severe. In winter the cold is intense, and the snow, which begins to fall in November, remains till May. The summer advances with such rapidity, that the season of spring is hardly known. In June the fields and forests are covered with luxuriant verdure: grain is abundant, and in some districts is cultivated with success. The temperate portions of North America may be considered as extending from 46° to 37° north latitude. These regions are prolific in grass, the various descriptions of grain, and a variety of fruits are produced in great abundance. From 37 degrees north to the latitude of 40 degrees south, the climate is hot, and the products constitute some of the most valuable articles of commerce, being chiefly tobacco, cotton, rice, indigo, coffee, sugar, and the various tropical fruits. Beyond latitude 40° south, the climate again becomes cold, and at Terra del Fuego it is severe. At the South Shetland Islands, in latitude 63° and 64° south, the climate is that of Greenland and Spitzbergen; islands of ice are tossing through the seas, and the land is peopled only by those animal forms peculiar to the Antarctic Circle. Nature in this continent assumes an aspect of peculiar magnificence; for whether we consider its mountains, its rivers, its lakes, its forests, or its plains, America appears to be distinguished in all those leading features by a grandeur not to be found in the other parts of the globe. This continent contains a great variety of wild animals, and since its discovery the species usually domesticated in E⁻⁻⁻ope have been introduced, and are now found in great abundance. The birds are exceedingly numerous, and are said to be more beautiful in their plumage than those of the old continent, but in their notes less melodious.

The vegetable kingdom of the Western Continent is in the highest degree rich and varied; many of the trees are amongst the most ornamental and useful; the fruits are rich and in great profusion; the plants and flowering shrubs exceedingly diversified and beautiful, and almost all the various species of grain necessary to

sustain life are cultivated, and afford abundant crops.

The Old World is indebted to the New for some of its most useful vegetable productions. Potatoes, though not introduced into the Eastern Continent until a century after the time of Columbus, already form an important part of the food of most European nations; and tobacco, also of American origin, has been diffused from one extremity of the Old World to the other. The Western Continent has likewise furnished the sugar-cane, maize, or Indian corn, millet, vanilla, pimento or allspice, and the cinchona or Peruvian bark, so useful in medicine, with copaiba, jalap, nux vomica, &c. Or the other hand America is indebted to the Old World for a great number of the Cereal grasses, trees and fruits. At the head of the

former may be placed wheat, barley, cats, and rice. The coffee plant, now a staple American production, is also derived from the eastern continent, besides oranges, lemons, peaches, apples, and most kinds of fruit trees. The apples of the eastern and middle states are very superior to any raised in Britain; yet

they are derived from plants brought from that country.

In mineral treasures America surpasses all the other quarters of the globe. Sc. th America and Mexico abound particularly in the precious metals, and such ample supplies have been carried to European markets that their value has been greatly diminished since the discovery of the American mines; all the more common metals, minerals, and precious stones, are found in great profusion, and many of them furnish the materials for extensive and important manufactures.

The inhabitants of this continent have been estimated by various writers at from 30 millions to 50 millions; but are now probably about 46 millions; of this number about 20 millions are supposed to be whites, 9 millions of the aborigines 9 millions of negroes, and 8 millions of the mixed race, as mulattoes, zamboes, &c. The whites are chiefly English in the north, and Spaniards in the south, with some French, Portuguese, German, Dutch, Danes, Swedes, &c. negroes are Africans, whom the cupidity of the European races has dragged into

slavery, or descendants of the earlier victims of a barbarous traffic.

The aboriginal population consists of two distinct races, the Esquimaux, inhabiting the maritime districts of the Arctic region; and the copper-coloured Indians, who are spread over all the rest of the continent; their origin has been a subject of much investigation, but the total absence of historical records among the Indians themselves, renders it difficult to arrive at any satisfactory result. It has been discovered that there are remarkable resemblances between some of the languages of Asia and those of the Indians, and hence it becomes nearly certain that they came from the Asiatic continent, but at what period they emigrated it is impossible to determine. It is evident that they are a distinct people, being essentially different in several respects from any of the existing races on the eastern continent.

The natives in some parts, particularly Mexico and Peru, were considerably advanced in civilization. Those inhabiting Mexico were denominated Aztecs; their government was a sort of feudal monarchy, in which the nobles and priests monopolized the power, the mass of the people being mere serfs attached to the soil. The Aztecs had neither tame animals, money, nor artificial roads; but they were acquainted with the arts of weaving cloth, hewing stone, carring in wood, and of modelling in soft substances. Their method of picture writing, though rude, compared with the alphabets of the nations of the old world, was superior to any thing else found in the new, and enabled them to transmit intelligence and to record events with sufficient distinctness. Their calendar was more accurate than that of the Greeks and Romans, and evinced a degree of scientific skill that has created suspicions of a foreign origin.

The government of the Peruvians, or Quichuas, was a theocracy of the most despotic character; the sacred Incas, descendants of the sun, were at once temporal and spiritual sovereigns, and the people, or children of the earth, were kept in a state of complete servitude, living according to minute regulations which reduced them to mere machines, labouring in common, and holding no property.

The Quichuas employed the lama as a beast of burden; constructed roads of great extent and solidity; built suspension-bridges of a most ingenious kind; formed chisels of a hard alloy of copper and tin; understood the art of moving large masses, and excelled the Aztecs in the perfection of their masonry, but were inferior to the latter in their mode of computing time and in their method of record-

ing events.

The political state of America presents some striking features and contrasts. The native tribes who still survive, are partly held in subjection by European Americans; but the greater number wander over their extensive wilds, either in rude independence, or ruled despotically by their chiefs and caciques. The European colonists, who form now by far the most numerous and important part of the population, were long held in subjection to the mother countries, the chief of

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Another political element is formed by the negroes, who are mostly in a state of slavery; a numerous body of them, however, in one of the finest West Indian Islands, have emancipated themselves and become a free people; while Great Britain has recently bestowed restricted liberty on the large numbers by whom her islands are cultivated. There yet remain about 5 millions of black slaves in Brazil and the United States, besides a considerable number in the other Europea.

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Many of the indigenous tribes have become, at least in name and outward forms, converted to Christianity; but a great number still cherish the crude notions and rude ceremonials of their native faith. The European Americans have commonly retained the religious creed of their mother country, so that, while in the French, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies, the Roman Catholic is the prevailing system, those countries that have been settled by English colonists are chic. Ty of the Protestant persuasions. The negroes have generally been instructed in the elements of Christianity. The whole number of Roman Catholics may be estimated at about 27 millions, of Protestants 10½ millions, and of unconverted Indians 1½ millions: on this estimate, however, the negroes are considered as be-

longing to the denomination embraced by their masters.

No part of the world presents so great a number of languages spoken by so few individuals, as the American continent. It is estimated that more than 438 languages, and 2000 dialects, are here spoken by about 10 millions of indigenous natives, and consequently, about one half of the known tongues in the world are spoken by about one eighth of the population. An analogy of structure, however, so remarkable, has been found to pervade all the American languages as far as they are yet known, that they have been designated polysynthetic, a term descriptive of their remarkable powers of composition. No class of languages equals the American in its astonishing capacity for expressing several ideas and modifications of ideas, in one word; and idioms of naked savages are not less regular and complicated in structure than rich in words. From the country of the Esquimaux to the Straits of Magellan, mother tongues, in their roots have, if the expression may be allowed, the same physiognomy. It is in consequence of this similarity of structure, that the Indians of the missions could learn the tongue of a different tribe much more easily than the Spanish, and the monks had once adopted the practice of communicating with a great number of hordes through the medium of one of the native languages.

NORTH AMERICA.

NORTH AMERICA comprises that portion of the New World extending from 8° to 70° north latitude, and from 55° to 168° west longitude. The area of this vast region is about 7,200,000 square miles, exclusive of the islands lying west and north-west of Baffin's Bay and Barrow's Strait. Presenting a broad front to the Arctic Seas, it gradually expands in width to about 50° north latitude, when it again contracts its dimensions until it terminates in the Isthmus of Darien.

Its winding outline presents a great extent of sea coast, which is estimated to amount to about 9500 miles on the eastern, and somewhat more on the western

side, exclusive of those on the frozen shores of the northern border.

Mountain ranges, peculiarly distinguished by their magnitude and continuity, pervade this quarter of the world. Those of North America consist of two great chains, the eastern and western; the latter, or Rocky Mountain range, known also as the Chipewayan. Passing through Guatemala from the Isthmus of Darien, it spreads out, in Mexico, into extensive table-lands, crowned by lofty volcanic peaks: running thence through the western regions of the United States, and the

sions, it finally sinks to a level on the shores of the Polar Sea, we ward of the Mackensie River. Its extent is probably not less than 5000 miles and in its general course it is nearly parallel to the Pacific Ocean, forming the

great dividing ridge, or line of separation, between the eastern and western waters, the principal of which have their origin in its rugged declivities.

The only other extensive range is the Alleghany or Appalachian, which, running parallel to the eastern coast of the United States, throws off some irregular and rather slightly connected branches diverging into Canada, Labrador and the vicinity of Hudson's Bay. This consists principally of two parallel chains, the Alleghany and the Blue Ridge. These, however, are not so extensive in their range, nor do they attain the elevation of the great western chain.

The rivers of America constitute perhaps her grandest natural features, or at least those in which she may claim the most decided pre-eminence over the other quarters of the globe. They are unequalled, both in their length of course and in the vast masses which they pour into the ocean. The principal of these take their rise in the great western chain, from its eastern side, whence, being swelled by numerous streams, they roll, broad and spacious, across the great interior plain, until they approach the eastern range of mountains: thence they derive a fresh and copious series of tributaries, till, bearing, as it were, the waters of half a continent, they reach the ocean. Thus, the Missouri (which, notwithstanding the error which has given the name of the Mississippi to the united channel. is undoubtedly, in a physical view, the main stream) takes its rise in the Rocky Mountains, then flows eastward into the great central valley, where it is joined by the Mississippi, and there receives, from the Alleghany chain, the copious tribute of the Ohio. In its course thence southward, it receives tributaries both from the eastern and western range.

The St. Lawrence and Mississippi proper derive their ample stores not from any mountain chain, but from that cold watery region of swamps and forests which forms the northern prolongation of the great central plain. The Mackensie and Great Fish River which flows through the north into the Arctic Sea, have a long diversified course, but, from the barren regions which they traverse, are of no

commercial value.

The Lakes of North America are numerous and important; they are not, however, mountain lakes, nor formed by mountain streams. They originate in those great wooded and watery plains whence the Mississippi and the St. Lawrence take their rise. The chain of connected lakes on the upper course of the latter river, Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior, form the largest bodies of fresh water in the world. Communicating with the sea by the broad channel of the St. Lawrence, and in a country whose population is rapidly increasing, they are becoming of the greatest importance to commerce. Similar lakes extend to the northward as far as the Arctic Sea; the Lake of the Woods, the Athabasca, the Great Slave, and the Great Bear Lake; but these, unconnected with any other sea, and frozen for the greater part of the year, cannot serve any commer-

The Plains of the New World form almost as great and remarkable an object as its mountains. In North America, of those more especially worthy of attention, the first is the plain along the Atlantic, between that ocean and the eastern range of mountains. To that belongs the original territory of the United States. range of mountains. To that belongs the original territory of the United States. It is a region of natural forests; of mixed, but-rather poor soil, and of but moderate fertility. The second is that on the opposite side of the continent, between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean; a country with a mild and humid atmosphere, as far north as 55°, but inhospitable beyond that latitude. The most extensive is the great central valley of the Mississippi, rich and well wooded on the east side; bare, but not unfertile in the middle; dry, sandy, and almost a desert on the west. This wast plateau is prolonged without interruption, from the Gulf of Mexico to the shores of the Polar Sea, so that, as has been observed, one of its borders is covered with the palms and the splendid foliage of the tropics, while, in the other, the last buds of arctic vegetation expire. The area of this great plain is estimated at 3.240.000 square miles. great plain is estimated at 3,240,000 square miles.

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other parts of the world.

Of the Bear species those peculiar to North America are the Grizzly, Barren Ground, and Black Bears. The great Polar, or White Bear, is found also in the Arctic regions of Europe and Asia. In North America it inhabits the continent as far south as Labrador and Hudson's Bay, its principal residence is on fields of ice, with which it frequently floats a great distance from land. These huge creatures feed mostly on animal substances, and as they swim and dive well, they hunt seals and other marine animals with great success. The White Bear possesses prodigious strength, and often attacks sailors who visit the Arctic seas. It is also remarkable for its attachment to its young, and is of a dirty or yellowish white colour. The Grizzly Bear, the most powerful and dangerous animal of North America, inhabiting both sides of the Rocky Mountains, is, went full grown, reported to exceed 800 pounds in weight, and its strength so great that it has been known to drag to a considerable distance a buffalo weighing 1000 pounds; the cubs of this species can climb trees, but the adult animal cannot: the hunter may thus escape, but the infuriated beast will sometimes keep watch below, and thus confine his enemy for many hours. This is a carnivorous species, but will occasionally eat vegetables. The Barren Ground Bear receives its name from the circumstance of its inhabiting only that section of the continent called the Barren Lands, or grounds situated north of 60°; this is a formidable animal, and is much dreaded by the Indians, who are very careful to avoid burning bones in their campments, or any thing that might attract its notice. It frequents the sea coast in autumn in considerable numbers, for the purpose of feeding on fish. In size it is between the Grizzly and the Black Bear. The Black Bear of North America is different from the European animal of the same name. It has a milder disposition, and lives more on vegetables: its favourit tood is the different kinds of berries, and it will not, except from necessity, subsust on

Of the Deer kind there are several species not found in the old continent. The Moose Deer resembles the Elk of Europe, but is of a different species; it is the largest of the Deer kind found in America, and perhaps in the world, being in height to the shoulder full six feet, and weighs when full grown from 1000 to 1200 pounds; it is a solitary animal, and the most shy and wary of all the Deer species: it was formerly found as far south as the Ohio River, but now occurs most frequently in the countries north of the great lakes and in the unsettled parts of Canada, and also occasionally in the northern sections of New Hampshire, Maine, &c. The Wapiti or American Elk is second in size only to the Moose, and formerly ranged over all the middle parts of the continent: it is now found only in the remote western districts of the United States and Canada, and also west of the Rocky Mountains. The size and appearance of the Elk are imposing; his air denotes confidence of great strength, while his towering horns exhibit weapons capable of doing much injury when offensively employed. The Elk is shy and retiring, and has very acute senses; the fiesh is highly prized as food, and the horns when in a soft state are considered a delicacy. The Indians make hows of the perfect horn, which are highly serviceable from their elasticity; and from their skins they prepare various articles of dress, and apply them also to other purposes. The Caribou, or American Reindeer, is a different species from the Reindeer of the old continent; it is found in all the high northern latitudes of North America, and has never been domesticated or used as a beast of draught by the natives, being considered only as game; there are two species, the Woodland and the Barren Ground Caribou. The Virginia Deer is one of the most ele-

gant of the American animals of its class; it lives in large herds, and is found over a considerable portion of North America; it is said to display great enmity to the Rattlemake, which it contrives to crush by leaping with its fore-feet conjoined and dropping perpendicularly on the serpent, bounding away with great lightness, and repeating this attack until his enemy is destroyed.

One species of Antelope, the prong-horned, is peculiar to America; it is a graceful and fleet animal, so swift that it seems rather to fly than leap from rock to rock in the rugged regions which it inhabits; they live in small families, and are found in the vast plain of the Missouri and Saskatchawan, in the vicinity of

the Rocky Mountains.

The American Bison, or Buffalo, once common in the United States, has gradually disappeared before the white population; it now only exists to the west of the Mississippi, and roams over the vast grassy plains in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains; here it is found in immense herds, amounting, it is said, oftentimes to from 5000 to 10,000 head; the flesh is tender and juicy, and the tongue and hump, or wig, are in particular esteemed great delicacies. The Musk Ox derives its name from its flesh, when in a lean state, smelling strongly of that substance. It is truly an Arctic animal, being found only in the barren lands beyond the Great Slave Lake, and as far north as Melville Island in 75°. In size the Musk Ox scarcely equals that of the small Highland cattle, the carcase when cleaned not weighing more than 3 cwt.; it assembles in herds and flees at the sight of

man; it is much hunted both by the Indians and Esquimaux.

Herds of wild Horses roam over the great plains on both sides of the Rocky Mountains, and like those existing under similar circumstances in the southern continent, are the offspring of the European animal, imported soon after the first settlement of the country. They are found from Texas to the plains of the Saskatchawan, and are of great importance to the Nomadic Tribes, who train them not only for transporting their tents and families from place to place, but also for the purposes of war, the chase, and of food; the flesh of the horse being thus mostly used by the Spokains and several other tribes, and likewise at times by the resider's of the Hudson's Bay Company's posts on the Columbia River and its branches. A few individuals of the Wild Horse purchased by citizens of the United States from the Indians, have been found remarkable for their speed and bottom.

Of the Cat kind this continent contains several species, all equally remarkable, like their congeners of the old world, for the beauty and diversity of their colour, and the treachery of their disposition. The cougar, or puma, called also the pan-ther, is the largest and most formidable of its class found in North America; it is about one-third less in size than the lion, and of sufficient strength to carry a man up a tree; though now rare in the more settled parts of the continent, it is occasionally met with in the remote districts of the United States. It preys upon calves, sheep, &c., but has also been known to attack man. The jaguar, an animal of the cat kind, resembling the panther, is found, though rarely, in Mexico;

also the ocelet and tiger-cat.

The Rocky Mountain sheep and goat inhabit the same range of mountains from which they derive their name; the latter is about the size of the domestic sheep, its fleece hanging down on both sides like that of the merino breed, the hair is long and straight, coarser than that of the sheep, but finer than that of the domestic goat; the Rocky Mountain sheep is larger than any domestic sheep; the horns of the ram are immense, in some of the old ones so much so as to prevent the animal's feeding on level ground. The hair is like that of the reindeer, at first short, fine and flexible, but as the winter advances it becomes coarse, dry and brittle, though it feels soft; it is then so close as to become erect; they collect in flocks from three to thirty, the young rams and females herding together, while the old rams form separate flocks.

The principal fur-bearing animals of North America are the beaver, musquash,

or nurkrat, pine-marten, pekan, or fisher, the Canada lynx, raccoon, and stoat, or ermine. These animals are all diligently hunted, both by Indians and the inhabitants of those settled parts of the continent in which any of them are yet found:

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The dog kind exhibits several varieties not found in other parts of the world; of these the Newfoundland dog is remarkable for its sagacity, great bulk and strength. The Esquimaux dog, also a large variety, is very useful to the Esquimaux and the traders in drawing their furs and baggage. The North American dog is used in the Hudson's Bay countries both as a beast of draught and in the chase, and also for food, its flesh being esteemed by the Canadian voyagers, or

cance-men, superior to all other,

Foxes and wolves abound in most parts of the central and northern regions of the continent; of the former there are the arctic, sooty, cross, black, gray, and red fox, and of the latter, the Mexican, the gray, red, black, dusky, and barking, or prairie-wolf. Of the opossum, found from Pennsylvania to Brazil, there are several species, of which the Virginia, or common opossum, is well known in the United States; also, the skunk, marmots of different species, squirrels, hares, and a great variety of other smaller animals.

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The whale species are numerous on the northern coasts; the most useful and remarkable are the common and spermaceti whale, and the narwhale, or sea-unicorn. The common seal frequents the sea coasts perhaps throughout the world, but is in North America most numerous in high northern latitudes, and is of the greatest use to the Esquimaux and other inhabitants of those frozen regions, furnishing them with all the necessaries of life; they are of various kinds, as the

hooded, harp, fetid, ursine, and great seal.

Most of the Birds of North America, and especially those of the United States, are now rendered as familiar to the European naturalist as those of his own country; for they have been more ably and more fully illustrated than those of any part of the world. Rapacious birds are here as numerous as in other parts of the earth, and of a great many different species, including eagles, vultures, hawks, falcons, owls, &c. The white-headed or bald-headed eagle is well known as being the chosen emblem of our own republic. It is common to both continents; but, while it seems almost entirely confined to the arctic regions of the old world, it abounds in the milder regions of the United States, in the new. It is notorious for its lawless habits; robbing the fish-hawk of his hard-won victim, and even compelling the vulture to disgorge its filthy prey. The vultures are the great Californian vulture, black vulture, and turkey buzzard. The first seems to be confined to California and the adjoining regions west of the Rocky Mountains: they build their nests in the most secret parts of the pine forests: they measure from four to four and a half feet in length. Their food is carrion or dead fish, and they will in no instance attack any living animal, unless it be wounded and unable to walk. In searching for their prey, they soar to a great height; and, on discover-ing a wounded deer or other animal, they follow its track until it sinks disabled to the ground. Although only one bird may be first in possession, it is soon surrounded by great numbers, who all fall upon the carcase, and devour it to a skeleton within an hour, even though it be a horse or a stag. The black vulture and turkey buzzard are both well known and numerous in the southern States of our Union, where, notwithstanding their filthy habits, they are protected by law and common usage, being of great utility in devouring putrid animal matter which would otherwise be highly offensive and injurious. The wild turkey is peculiar to America: it is a fine large bird, of brilliant blackish plumage. It breeds with the domestic one; and when the latter is reared near the range of the former, it is sure to be enticed into the woods by it. this bird, Dr. Franklin observed, it would have been a much fitter emblem of our country than the white-headed eagle, a lazy, cowardly, tyrannical bird, living on the labours of others, and more suited to represent an imperial despotic govern-

ment than the republic of America.

Of the duck kind, of which there are many species, the best-known is the canvas-back. It is peculiar to America, and is more celebrated than any other for the excellent flavour of its flesh: they are found mostly in Chesapeake Bay and the neighbouring rivers. In winter, they are occasionally so numerous as to cover the water to the extent of several acres: this bird is an expert diver, and lives on the bulbous root of a water-grass resembling garden celery in taste, to which is attributed its peculiar flavour: they dive in from 6 to 8 feet of water, and are frequently attended by the widgeon, or bald-pate duck, who never dives himself, but watches the rising of the canvas-back, and, before he has his eyes well opened, snatches the delicious morsel from his mouth and makes off: on this account, the two species live in continual contention.

Perhaps the most characteristic of American birds is the humming-bird, remarkable alike for its diminutive size and the brilliant metallic lustre of its plumage: they are most numerous in South America, but are found in the northern

continent as far north as 45°.

Vast flights of pigeons migrate periodically to different parts of the continent, frequently extending for many miles on each side, darkening the entire atmosphere, and often requiring four or five days to pass over a particular place.

Of the birds of game, the principal are the grouse, pheasant, partridge, &c.
The species of grouse are more numerous, and entirely distinct from those of Europe. The largest and most valuable is the Cock of the Plains. Some other of the peculiar American birds are the mocking-bird, blue jay, and whip-poor-will. Parrots and parroquets abound in Mexico; and in the United States there is one

species of parrot.

The seas, lakes, and rivers of North America swarm with a great variety of delicious fish. The cod, so well known in commerce, is found only in the northern seas. Their great rendezvous is on the Bank of Newfoundland and other sand-banks that lie off the coasts of the northern parts of the United States: these situations they prefer on account of the number of worms produced in those sandy bottoms, which tempt them to resort there for food. Some conception may be formed of their amazing fecundity, from the fact that nearly ten millions of eggs have been counted in one fish of a moderate size. The mackerel and alewife fisheries, along the coasts of the United States, also give employment and food to great numbers of persons. The shad is taken in large quantities in all the rivers of the Atlantic States, and in the proper season is highly esteemed. The salmon is also found in the northern rivers of the United States and Canada, on both sides of the continent, and is especially plentiful in Columbia River. The white-fish, or titameg of the traders, is caught in all the great lakes from Canada to the Arctic Ocean. It is a delicious article of food, and as many as 900 barrels have been taken at a single fishery on Lake Superior.

The Reptiles of America are numerous, and, like the generality of this class in other parts of the world, the majority are apparently useless, and some dangerous. In North America, the alligator does not occur north of the Carolinas and the Red River of Louisiana. In severe winters he buries himself in the mud, and lies in a torpid state. The rattlesnakes are peculiar to the New World, and are particularly formidable on account of the deadly venom of their bite. There are four or five species of this reptile, all of which reach the length of five or six feet. The common species of the United States is extremely numerous about the

sources of the Columbia River.

There are several kinds of land tortoises, but they are all of a moderate size. Some curious salamanders have been recently discovered, and the celebrated siren is an inhabitant of the muddy lakes of Georgia and South Carolina, This sinter is reared by it. Of blem of our d, living on otic govern-

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The aboriginal Americans all constitute, at the present day, by their physical characters not less than by their languages, a race different from those known before the discovery of America, and preserve throughout this vast extent of country and variety of climates, the same essential characteristics. They have a copper colour, resembling that of rusty iron or cinnamon, coarse, straight, black hair, high cheek-bones, and sunken eyes; it has been affirmed that they are without beards, but it is well ascertained that this is not the case naturally, but that most of them take great pains to pluck them out. Almost all the Indians near Mexico, and those on the north-west coast, wear mustachios. The American Indians are generally erect and of fine forms, with few instances of decrepitude or deformity; they have cleaner limbs, not so muscular, and with less tendency to corpulence, than the whites. As a race they have countenances that are generally unjoyous, stern and ruminating; it is with them either gloomy taciturnity or bacchanalian revel. Their impassible fortitude and endurance of suffering, their contempt of pain and death, invest their character with a kind of moral grandeur. It is to be doubted, however, whether some part of his vaunted stoicism be not the result of a more than ordinary degree of physical insensibility. Like all ignorant people anable to trace the relation between results and causes, they are beyond all other superstitious. It may be laid down as an universal trait of Indian character. The warrior who braves death a thousand times, and in every form in the fury of battle, carries with him to tan to that a little charmed bag of filthy and disgusting ingredients, in which he pisce is a little reliance or security against the balls and arrows that are direct on whinst him; all savages in this region are hospitable: even the enemy whom may would have sought and slain far from their cabins, who presents himself fearlessly there, claims and receives their hospitality. accord to the cabin hearth the honours and the sanctity of an asylum.

Since the introduction of the horse by Europeans, many of the Indian tribes have acquired an astonishing degree of skill in the management of that noble animal; among these are the Pawnees, the Comanches, the Sioux, the Apaches, Shoshonees, Enneshoors, and other tribes: some of these have also borrowed the use of fire-arms from their European neighbours, but in general they have rejected

the arts of peace and civilization.

Perhaps there is no tribe among the American Indians so degraded that it has not some notion of a higher power than man, and in general they seem to have entertained the idea of a Great Spirit as a master of life, in short, a Creator, and of an Evil Spirit, holding divided empire with him over nature; many of them have priests, prophets, and sorcerers, in whose supernatural powers they trust, and most, if not pli, appear to believe in a future state; many attempts have been made by benevolent persons to convert the aboriginal tribes to the christian religion, to teach them the arts of peace and civilized life, and to train them to habits of industry; but so little has been the effect of those efforts, that many do not hesitate to pronounce it impossible to engraft the European civilization on the Indian character. Some doubtful exceptions to this general failure of the attempts to effect the civilization of the Indians occur in the United States, where some of the Cherokees and other tribes hold property, cultivate the ground, and practise the neefful arts.

There are some circumstances which invest the present missionary efforts with stronger probabilities of success than any that have preceded them. The number of Indians that are half-breeds, or mixtures of the blood of the whites, is great, and continually increasing. These generally espouse, either from conviction or from party feeling, the cause of civilization and christianity. It is more universally believed than it once was, that christianity is the religion of social and civilized man. Instead of relying much on the hope of the conversion of adult hunting and warrior savages, the effort is chiefly directed towards the young. Schools, the Loan, the anvil, and the plough, are sent to them; amidst the comfort, stability and plenty of cultivation, they are to be imbued with a taste for civilized

institutions, arts, industry, and religion; at the same time every philanthropic man

will wish these efforts of benevolence all possible success.

North America is politically divided into the Republics of the United States, Mexico, and Guatemala, which occupy the central and southern parts of the continent. The northern, the eastern, and central parts, contain the possessions of Great Britain; and the exame north-western section those claimed by Russia.

The following estimates of the areas in square miles, and the population of the respective divisions at the present time, is probably as near an approximation to the

truth as circumstances will permit:

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United States, includ-		. , ,	
ing Texas	2,500,000	*********	19,800,000
Mexico		*********	7,000,000
Guatemala		*********	2,000,000
West Indies		*********	3,305,000
British Possessions			1,550,000
Russian Possessions.	650,000	******	50,000
Total	7,255,000	Total	33,705,000

The white inhabitants are supposed to amount to 20,500,000. The Indian, to 5,500,000; and the negro and mixed races to about 7,700,000.

RUSSIAN POSSESSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

That part of North America claimed by Russia is a territory of considerable extent, and comprises the north-western portion of the continent, being that part of it adjacent to Asia; it is bounded north by the Arctic Ocean, east by the British possessions, from which it is separated by the 141° of longitude, west from Greenwich; south by the Pacific Ocean and the Oregon Territory; west by Bhering's Strait and the Pacific Ocean. The coast seems to be chiefly alpine, in some parts rising into snow-capped summits, of which the most remarkable mountain is St. Elias; it is probably a volcanic peak, and is elevated to the height of 17,850 feet above the level of the sea, and is said to be visible 50 leagues from the coast. In this region there are computed to be 1000 white inhabitants, who are mostly traders; the savages are estimated at near 50,000; they barter the furs obtained in hunting with the Russians, for fire-arms, beads, tobacco, and other articles. The Russians have a number of factories, or trading establishments, on various parts of the coast: the principal of these are at Sitcha, or New Archangel, Kodiak, and Conalaska.

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The Aleoutian Islands may be considered as belonging to this region; they form a long and numerous group, extending westward from the Peninsula of Aliaska to Kamtschatka. They appear to be a continuation of the lofty volcanic ranges which traverse the opposite regions of the two continents. These islands are inhabited by a race sharing, in a measure, the features and aspect of the Mongols and Esquimaux. Considered as savages, they are mild in their manners and deportment, and display a considerable degree of industry and ingenuity: they dwell in large subterranean mansions, or rather villages, partitioned into numerous apartments, and containing from 50 to 100, or even 150 inhabitants. These abodes, covered with turf, are almost on a level with the surrounding country, from which

they are scarcely to be distinguished.

Sitcha, or New Archangel, on one of the islands belonging to the Archipelago of George III. may be considered the capital of the territories of Russia on this continent; it is a village of about 1000 inhabitants, the houses of which, including the fortifications and public buildings, are built of wood, and are neat and well kept. The management of the trade at this and the other ports, has been injudiciously vested by the Russian government in an exclusive company, resident at

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BRITISH POSSESSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

The possessions of Great Britain in North America are an assemblage of vast ill-defined and straggling territories, the remnant of that mighty empire of which the great revolution deprived her. Even in their present dismembered state, however, their extent and capabilities might, and probably will, enable them one day to surpass some of the greatest of the now existing European monarchies

This country, taken in its full extent, is bounded north by the Arctic Sea, east by the Atlantic Ocean and Baffin's Bay, south by the United States and the Atlantic Ocean, and west by the American possessions of Russia. Its area is equal to about that of the United States. About one tenth part only of this vast territory is as yet settled by a civilized population. The actual occupation by white settlers extends along the northern, and, in the lower part of its course, the southern, bank of the St. Lawrence, the northern shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, and, in part, the eastern coasts of Lake Huron: it reaches, though only in some instances, thirty or forty miles into the interior. The Company which enjoys the exclusive trade of Hudson's Bay, maintains several forts on its western phore; they have also small forts on the leading lakes and rivers of the interior, alled Houses, where they are secure against the attack of the Indians scattered over the expanse of these desolate wilds, and can form a store of the articles ne-cessary for the fur trade. Beyond this occupancy they have not attempted to exercise any jurisdiction, nor, as has lately appeared, could a peaceable colony form itself without imminent danger from these rude tenants of the wild.

The climate is very severe, much exceeding what is felt under the same latitude in the old continent. Lower Canada for six and Upper Canada for five months of the year have a mean temperature below the freezing point, and are buried in perpetual snow; yet after that period the sun breaks out with such force, that large crops of the most valuable grain can be raised on the great extent of fertile land of which the territory consists. Upper Canada is finely watered, clad with immense forests of valuable timber, and contains about ten millions of acres capable of culture. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are well wooded countries, but less fertile; and though the winters are less severe, the heavy fogs that prevail for a great part of the year are still more disagreeable than the frosts and snows of Canada.

The river St. Lawrence is the principal feature of this region, and one of the noblest river channels in the world. It is difficult to say where it begins. It has been held to issue from Lake Superior, a vast body of water, fed by about fifty streams, of which the St. Louis and Grand Portage Rivers are the principal; but, in fact, the lakes are merely connected by short canals, through which the surplus waters of one are poured into the other. These canals bear the local names of St. Clair, Detroit, Niagara, &c. The last is distinguished by its falls, the most magnificent in the world. From Lake Ontario to Montreal the river is broken by successful of reverse cotagests and rapid which rander navier the rever is proken by a succession of rocks, cataracts, and rapids, which render navigation very danger-ous. It is after passing Montreal that it rolls in full grandeur in a deep continu-ous channel, conveying large ships and rafts down to Quebec. The navigation is blocked up for half the year by the ice, which even in spring encumbers it for

some weeks with floating fragments.

The other rivers of Lower Canada are its tributaries. On the north are the Utawas and the Sagnenay, large navigable rivers flowing through a region little known: the former is supposed to have a course of about 600 miles, but its navigation is much interrupted by rapids; the latter is remarkable for its great depth

and width, and is navigable for 90 miles to its falls; for the distance of about 50 miles it has the appearance of a long mountain lake. The St. Maurice is also a considerable stream from the north, and the Montmorency, which falls into the St. Lawrence, is celebrated for its beautiful cataract, which pour a large volume of water over a precipitous ledge. On the south are the S'. Francis; the Chaudiere, with a fine cascade rushing down a precipice 100 fr st in height; and the Sorelle or Richelieu, the outlet of Lake Champlain.

The Thames, flowing into Lake St. Clair, and the Ouse, are the principal rivers of Upper Canada. The St. John, which rises in Maine, is navigable 80 miles by sea vessels, but its course is much broken by falls and rapids. The Miramichi is the other principal river of New Brunswick.

The lakes which separate Canada and the United States are on a greater scale than elsewhere; and the united chain forms a vast inland sea of fresh water. The largest of these, and the largest fresh-water lake in the world, is Lake Superior, which is 420 miles in length by 170 in breadth; having a circuit of 1500 miles, and covering an area of 35,000 square miles. It discharges its waters through the river or Strait of St. Mary, 50 miles long, into Lake Huron, which likewise receives those of Lake Michigan. Lake Huron is 280 miles in length, and 90 in breadth, exclusive of the large bay on the north-eastern shore, called Georgian Bay, which is soout 80 miles in length by 50 in breadth. An outlet, called the river St. Clair, expands, after a course of 40 miles, into a lake of the same name, 24 miles in length, and 30 in breadth, which again contracts, and enters Lake Erie under the name of the river Detroit, 25 miles in length. Lake Erie, the next link in this great chain, is 270 miles in length, by from 25 to 50 in breadth. The river Niagara, 36 miles long, carries its surplus waters over a perpendicular precipice 165 feet high, into Lake Ontario, which is about 190 miles in length, by 40 in breadth. The surface of Lake Superior is about 625 feet above the level of the sea; its medium depth 900 feet; the descent to Lake Huron is by the Sault or Fall of St. Mary 23 feet, and by rapids and the gradual descent of the river, 21 feet, giving 560 feet for the elevation of the surface of Lake Huron, whose depth is equal to that of Lake Superior. Lake Erie is much shallower, not exceeding a mean of 120 feet, and having its surface 560 feet above high water, while Lake Ontario has a depth of 500 feet, and its surface is 330 lower than that of Lake Erie. The waters of these lakes are clear and potable, and they abound with fish, among which are trout, weighing from 75 to 100 pounds, sturgeon, white fish, pike, bass, &c. They are navigable by large vessels, and a great number of steamboats navigate their waters. Lake Simcoe, which is connected with Lake Huron, is already disturbed by the plash of the steamboat. Lake Nepissing is a considerable body of water, which a rapid and broken stream unites with Lake Huron. In the interior, are several smaller lakes, of which the principal is the Lake of the Woods, whose winding shores are 300 miles in circumference. Farther to the north-west is Lake Winnipeek. The name signifies muddy, and is descriptive of its waters. There is a water communication with Lake Superior by the rivers Winnipeek and La Pluie. Still farther to the north-west, a number of lakes extend nearly in a line, at various distances from each other, connected by a water communication, except in two or three cases, where portages or carrying-places intervene. This is the principal navigable route to the waters of the Arctic Sea, and is much frequented by the fur traders during the short period of summer in these regions.

The principal divisions of British America are New Britain, with the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland. The population of the whole is probably about 1,600,000.

The constitution of government for the provinces has been modelled on that of the mother country. Each province has a governor and a legislative council appointed by the crown, and a house of commons or representatives chosen by the mhabitants, upon moderate qualifications. At length, after a lapse of fifty years, an act was passed by the British Parliament (1841) once more uniting the two provinces, and appointing a governor for the whole. The seat of government was at the same time removed from Quebec to Kingston, and then to Montreal, where, from the importance and central situation of the place, it will most probably remain. Since the union, the names of Upper and Lower Canada have been changed to Canada West and Canada East; but the old names will no doubt long remain in popular use.

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In the different colonial legislatures, bills become laws when passed by the two houses, and agreed to by the governor; though, in certain cases, the royal sanction is required, and, in others, reference must be had to the imperial parliament. The supreme legislative authority is vested, therefore, in the king, and the two houses of the British parliament; limited, however, by their own acts. The act 31 of Geo. III., ch. 13, declares that no taxes shall be imposed on the colonies but for the regulation of trade, and that the proceeds of such taxes shall be applied for the use of the province, in such manner as shall be directed by any laws made by his majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and the house of assembly. This point is one of the chief causes of the dissatisfaction in the Canadas, the colonists demanding the exclusive control over the money raised within the provinces. In Canada East, trial by jury is universal in criminal cases; but a very small proportion of the civil cases are tried in this manner. Law proceedings are in French and English; and it is not unusual to have half the jury English, and the other half French. In Canada West, the laws are wholly English, as is also the case in the other provinces.

The natural resources of British America are more ample than would be inferred from its dreary aspect, and the vast snows under which it is buried. Canadahas a very fertile soil, especially in its upper colony; and though it be free from snow only during five months of the year, the heat of that period is sufficient to ripen the most valuable kinds of grain. The vast uncleared tracts are covered with excellent timber. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are less fertile, yet they contain much good land, and are well timbered. Newfoundland has on its shores the most valuable cod-fishery in the world. Even the immense northern wastes are covered with a profusion of animals, noted for their rich and beautiful furs, which form the foundation of an extensive and valuable trade. The commerce of British America is of vast importance: the fur trade, the original object for opening an intercourse with this part of the world, was carried on, in the first place, chiefly from the shores of Hudson's Bey; but it was there injudiciously placed in the hands of an exclusive company, which greatly diminished its activity.

Upwards of fifty years ago, some enterprising merchants of Montreal established the North-west Company, who, employing numerous and active agents, carried on their business with spirit and enterprise. The eager rivalry of the two companies, operating in regions beyond the pale of law, gave birth to many deeds of fraud and violence: within these few years, however, an union has healed the deadly enmity between them, and, by acting in concert, they have determined to diminish the issue of ardent spirits, and even to adopt every practical means for the moral and religious improvement of the Indians.

The timber trade, the value of which, forty years ago, did not exceed £32,000, has now surpassed all others in magnitude. The timber is obtained from the immense forests on the shores of the great interior lakes. The trees are cut down during the winter by American axemen, who are peculiarly skilful; and the business is attended with great hardship, both from the work itself, and the inclemency of the season. The trees, when felled, are put together into immense rafts, which often cover acres; and on them are raised small huts, the residence of the woodmen and their families. Ten or twelve square sails are set up, and the rafts are navigated to Quebec through many dangers, by which nearly a third of them are said to be destroyed. Those which survive are ranged along the river in front of Quebec, forming a line four or five miles in extent, till they are taken downs and exported in the shape of timber, deals, and staves. The business is also carried on to a great extent from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and even from Cape Breton.

To the West Indies the colonies export, of their timber and agricultural staples, a considerable amount, and receive in return the well-known produce of these islands; and, with the United States, Canada holds a great intercourse across Lake Champlain, sending mostly salt and poltries, and in return taking chiefly tea, tobacco, and other luxuries, clandestinely, which the strict colonial rules

would require her to receive from the mother country.

The fisheries are pursued upon these shores to an extent not surpassed anywhere else upon the globe. The rich supply of cod on the Newfoundland banks is wholly unparalleled: although all the nations of Europe have been lading cargoes of fish for centuries, no sensible diminution of them has been felt. During the first half of the last century, the fishery was carried on by the English, Anglo-Americans, and French; but the capture of Cape Breton, and other possessions in America, gave a severe blow to the fishery of the latter. The American war divided the British fishery, that portion of it that had been previously carried on from New England being thereafter merged in that of the United States; but still the English contrived to preserve the largest slare. The French were excluded from the fishery during the French war, in consequence of which the English had almost a monopoly of the business; but since the peace it has been carried on chiefly by the French and Americans, that of the English having declined fully three-fourths since the peace. The seal fishery, which has arisen within the last thirty years, has become of considerable value. The fields of ice which are annually swept by the currents from the polar seas, bring with them myriads of seals. These animals, which are of several species, are valuable only for their fat and skins. The fishing season commences early in April, and is carried on in vessels varying from 80 to 120 tons burthen, with crew of 20 or 30 men each. The whale fishery, also, is pursued to a limited extent on the south side of Newfoundland, and in the Gulf, of St. Lawrence. There is likewise a pretty extensive salmon fishery.

The interior communications of Canada are almost solely by the river St. Lawrence and the lakes, which open a very extensive agvigation into the country. It is seriously obstructed, however, between Montreal and Lake Ontario, where a series of rapids occur, over which only canoes can shoot, and all heavy goods must be landed and shipped. Great exertions have been made to improve, by canals, the interior communications of Canada. The chief object has been to obviate the continual series of obstructions in the navigation of the St. Lawrence River, above Montreal. One canal has been constructed from that city to La Chine, a distance of eight miles, at an expense of £130,000: another is the Greenville canal, eight miles long, constructed to avoid certain obstructions in the navigation of the Lower Utawas River. The principal operation, however, is the Rideau canal, reaching from the Ottawa River to Kingston. It is 135 miles long, connecting together a chain of lakes, which admit of steam navigation; and the dimensions are such as to allow vessels of from 100 to 125 tons to pass. The estimated expense was £486,000. The enterprise of private individuals has constructed the Welland canal; which, at an expense of £270,000, has united the lakes Ontario and Erie. It is 42 miles long, and is more capacious than the New York canal: it will allow vessels of 125 tons to pass through. The Chambly canal opens a navigation, by the Sorelle River, from Lake Champlain to the St.

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Upper Canada	140,000	******	460,000
Lower Canada	237,000		600,000
New Brunswick	27,000		120,000
Nora Scotia, with Cape Breton	18,900		195,000
Prince Edward's Island	2,100		35,000
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NEW BRITAIN.

New Barram is that large portion of British America situated north of the Canadas and the United States, and stretching northward to the dreary and desolate shores of the Arctic Sea. It comprises Labrador, New North and New South Wales, Prince William's Land, Boothia Felix, lately discovered by Captain Ross, and the North Georgia Islands. Hudson's Bay divides the country into two great divisions: on the east is Labrador and East Main, and on the west New North and New South Wales; these have been farther subdivided, by the traders of the Hudson's Bay Company, into various smaller districts, which are, however, of no political importance. Population of the whole region probably 60,000.

The face of the country is generally a vast plain, intersected with numerous lakes and rivers, some of which roll into the unexplored seas of the north, and others into Hudson's Bay: among the former are the Mackenzie, the Copper Mine, and Thleweecho, or Great Fish River, lately explored by Captain Back; and into the latter the principal are Churchill, Nelson, Severn, and Albany Rivers. The interior streams are the Saskatchawan, Winnipeek, and Red River, flowing into Lake Winnipeek; and the Athabasca and Peace Rivers, emptying into Lake Athabasca: these may properly be considered head branches of the Mackenzie, as their waters finally reach the ocean through its channel.

The lakes are exceedingly numerous; some are extensive, and second only to the great Canadian lakes, and affording, during the brief period of summer, a long and almost continuous cance navigation from Lake Superior to the Arctic Seater Lake, are the principal: they are situated in a range lying N. W. from each other, and afford, for a short period, an almost uninterrupted navigation from Lake Superior to the Arctic Ocean. Lake Winnipeck is 270 miles long, and from 15 to 18 broad: it receives numerous rivers and enjoys a considerable extent of cance navigation. Athabasca Lake, lying between 500 and 600 miles N. W. of Lake Winnipeck, is in length about 200 miles, with a breadth of from 16 to 18 miles: it receives several large streams, and is connected, by Slave River, with Great Slave Lake, still farther to the N. W., which is one of the largest bodies of fresh water in North America, excepting Lakes Superior and Huron, and perhaps Lake Michigan. From Great Slave Lake flows Mackenzie's River, which, in its course to the ocean, receives, from the eastward, the water of the Great Bear Lake: it is about 200 miles in extent each way, and is deeply indented by several large peninsulas.

In winter such is the severity of the climate in this region, that even in 57° the lakes freeze 8 feet thick; brandy and mercury congeal; the rocks sometimes split with a noise like that of the heaviest artillery, scattering the fragments to a great distance. The temperature is capricious and the changes sudden. The Aurora Borealis sheds a light sometimes equal to that of the full moon. The vegetation in the northern parts is very scanty, but adjoining the northern boundary of the United States there are some fertile spots along the Red River of Lake Winnipeek. Lord Selkirk purchased from the Hudson's Bay Company a territory of 116,000 acres, and formed the settlements of Pembina and Assiniboia: the soil has been found tolerably fertile, but the great distance from a market, being 2800 miles from New Orleans, and 1900 from Buffalo, must long prevent it from rising to much importance. It has suffered severely from contests with the Indians, fomented by the jealousy of the fur-traders. Moreover, in consequence of the recent settlement of the boundary line with the United States, half of it has been included within their territory.

The only trade in these regions is that of furs; to facilitate which, the Hudson's Bay Company have established forts and trading-houses in various quarters, extending from Hudson's Bay west into the territories claimed by the United States. On the shores of the Pacific Ocean, and to the north, almost to the Arctic Sea, from these forts, &c., agents are sent amongst the Indians to collect furs,

in exchange for such European commodities as are prized by them. The furnexported, in 1832, from Hudson's Bay amounted to the value of £110,000.

The coasts of Labrador, and indeed the whole of the northern parts of this region, from Greenland to Bhering's Strait, is inhabited by the Esquimsux, a race of savages who sustain existence chiefly by feeding on whales and seals, except in the more southern-parts of Labrador: of the skins of the latter they make their boats and clothes, and of his sinews they make thread. They travel over the snow in sledges drawn by dogs, of which they have a very hardy and segacious breed, and will draw a considerable load 60 miles in a day. Their huts have been met with as far north as 76°. Little, equat, and feeble, the complexion of these polar men has little of the copper colour of the other American aborigines, and is rather of a dirty, reddish yellow. Their summer huts are circular, covered with deer-skins, and entered by creeping on the belly. Yet these isolated and simple beings have been taught by necessity, many inventions, which are highly creditable to their ingenuity. They make their winter habitations of frozen snow, in a few hours, exceedingly comfortable, and which remain durable till melted by the heat of the ensuing summer. Some of the tribes have canoes, made of the skin of the sea-calf, with which they sail with amazing swiftness. They also work a gray and porous stone into neat pitchers and kettles, and those in the vicinity of Bhering's Strait display great ingenuity in the manufacture of trinkets and utensils of the fossil ivory, with which some parts of those regions abound.

The Equimaux met with by Captain Parry, in North Georgia, were exceeding lively and cheerful, more so than even the negro, the native of a sunny climate, and of a region producing spontaneously all the fruits of the earth. They are so fond of dancing that it seems almost their natural gait; and they are always ready to return raillery or mimicry. They are, far more than the Indians, a social and domestic people. This is apparent in their good treatment to females, and their care and affection for their children. Among these people, on the coast of Labrador, the Moravian missionaries have established several settlements; Nain, Okkak, Hopedale, &c., and have, besides teaching them many useful things, built a magazine, in which each of the natives might deposite his useless stores, prevailing on them to set apart a tenth for widows and orphans. This is the true way to convert a savage people, by showing them the palpable fruits of the gospel.

The Indians occupying this region are principally the Assinibolnes, Knistenesux, or Crees, Chippewayans, Beaver, Hare, Dog-rib, Copper Indians, &c. The Assinibolnes are a tribe of Sioux; they are divided into several smaller tribes, as the Black-foot, Fall, and Blood Indians, &c. They rear many horses, and subsist chiefly on the buffalo.

The Knisteneaux, or Crees, inhabit a wide extent of country in the vicinity of Lake Athabasca: they were once numerous, but are now reduced to about 500 in number; they are a well-formed race, and their women are the handsomest of all the Indian females; they are hospitable, generous, and mild, when not infuriated by spirits; they do not, however, consider chastity a virtue, and are not unkind to their women.

The Chippewayans live to the north of the latter, and near the Great Slave Lake: their appearance is singular, with high projecting cheek-bones, broad faces, and wide nostrils; they are persevering, incorrigible beggars, yet not dishonest, and so deeply imbued with national pride, that, while they give to other nations their proper names, they call themselves, by way of eminence, the people; amongst them the lot of the female is grievous, and mothers have been known to destroy their female offspring that it might escape the same servitude. Aged and sick people are abandoned to perish. They are said to be the same people as the Chippeways of the United States, and are much reduced in numbers. The Copper, Hare, and Dog-rib Indians, occupy the country north of Great Bear Lake; they much resemble the Chippewayans, but are of a more friendly and amiable disposition; their humanity and faithful attachment were experienced by the recent revellers (Captain Franklin, &c.) in those regions, on occasions of extreme dis-

UPPER CANADA, OR CANADA WEST.

UFFEE CANADA, commencing at Lake St. Francis, above Montreal, extends along the whole chain of the great lakes, almost to the western boundary of Lake Superior. Until 1781 it was a mere district attached to Quebec, as which period a number of American loyalists and disbanded soldiers were settled in it, and the name of Upper Canada bestowed. Comparatively but a small part of this province is settled, and many portions of it are yet unexplored. The settlements are chiefly slong the rivers St. Lawrence and Utawas, and lakes Eric and Ontario. The soil is in general excellent, and yields abundant crops of grain, wheat, Indian

corn, hope, flax, &c. Population estimated at 460,000.

Cultivation, in Upper Canada, is still in an incipient state, but is rapidly advancing in consequence of the influx of British settlers. Government, for some time, allowed to every settler, fifty or even a hundred acres of land, upon payment of fees amounting to about a shilling per acre; but since 1827 the anda have been disposed of by public auction. Among emigrants possessed of capital, a great proportion have of late made their purchases from the Canada Company. This body, incorporated in 1826, bought from government, tracts of land equal to 2,300,000 acres, for which they engaged to pay the sum of £295,000, by sixteen annual instalments. These lands are dispersed through every part of Upper Canada; but the largest portion, amounting to about a million of acres, and extending about sixty miles in length, is along the eastern shore of Lake Huron. The Company found towns and villages, form roads, and lay out the ground in convenient lots, and have agents on the spot, who afford every information and aid to emigrants.

The climate of Upper Canada is salubrious, and epidemic diseases almost unknown. The winters are shorter and less rigorous than in the lower province: the spring opens, and agricultural labours commence, from six weeks to two months earlier than in the neighbourhood of Quebec. The summer heats are also more moderate, and the autumn pleasant and favourable for securing the produce of all the late crops. Population is advancing with great rapidity: it has hitherto been confined to the St. Lawrence and the shores of the lakes, but is now becoming more diffused over the interior. New towns are extending in the fertile forest, some of which, in rapidity of increase, vie with those of the United States. Great extents of fertile land are yet unoccupied, and the parent country is furnishing every facility for transporting to these forests her surplus population, great numbers of whom, however, finally make their way to the United States.

Toronto and Kingston, on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, are the two principal towns of Upper Canada. Toronto, formerly York, near the north-west and of the lake, owes its support to its being the seat of government and of the courts, and to the extensive settlements recently formed to the north and east of it. Population 10,000. Kingston, near the north-east point of the lake, has a commodious harbour, and is a neat little town with about 5000 inhabitants. Some of the other towns on Lake Ontario are Cobourg, Port Hope, and Hamilton. On the Niagara River are the villages of Niagara, Queenstown, and Chippewa. Sandwich, in the western part of the province, and opposite to Detroit, is a thriving little town; as is also London, on the Thames, with a population of 2000 inhabitants. On the east shore of Lake Huron is the neat and flourishing town of Goderich, with a good harbour at the mouth of the Maitland River; and at the bottom of Lake Manitouline, or Georgian Bay, is Penetanguishene, a British naval station, from which a steamboat runs occasionally to St. Joseph's Island, at the west end of the lake, on which is kept a small detachment of British troops.

Upper Canada is divided into 17 districts, which are subdivided into counties. It is bounded on the north-east by Lower Canada, north by New Britain, west and south by the United States. The lines of division are, from Lower Canada, the Utawas River; from New Britain, an imaginary line separating the waters flowing into the lakes from those of Hudson's Bay; and, from the United

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States, a nominal line extending through the centre of Lakes Superior, Huron, Eric and Ontario, and their connecting streams, and thence down the middle of the River St. Lawrence to Lake St. Francis, and thence north-west and north-cest

to the Utawas River.

In this province is exhibited one of the most sublime and magnificent of Nature's works, by the Niagara river. The accumulated waters flowing from four great lakes and all their tributaries, are precipitated over the Falls of Niagara, the mightiest cataract in the world. The whole mass is poured in one tremendous plungs of 165 feet in height. The noise, tumult, and rapidity of this falling sea; the rolling clouds of foam, the vast volumes of vapour which rise into the air, the brilliancy and variety of the tints, and the beautiful rainbows which span the abyss; the lofty banks and immense woods which surround this wonderful scene, have been considered by experienced travellers as eclipsing every similar phenomenon. The noise is heard, and the cloud of vapours seen, at the distance of several miles. The fall on the Canadian side is 630 feet wide, of a semicircular form; that on the American side only 310 feet, and 165 feet in height, being six or seven feet higher than the former. The one, called the Crescent or Horse-shoe Fall, descends in a mighty sea-green wave; the other, broken by rocks into foam, resembles a sheet of molten silver. Travellers descend, with the certainty of being drenched to the skin, but without danger, to the foot of the falls, which are crowded with visitants during the summer months.

LOWER CANADA, OR CANADA EAST.

Lower Canada extends along the River St. Lawrence, on both sides, from its mouth to Lake St. Francis, a short distance above Montreal. A considerable part of the province extends nominally into unexplored regions that are unoccupied by white inhabitants. At the mouth of the St. Lawrence the country is rugged and mountainous, and the climate very severe; but the upper and more southerly portions of the province are well watered, fertile, and with a milder climate than the lower part. All sections, however, have the winters of Sweden, though in the latitude of France. The summers are warm and short, and the transition from winter to summer is very rapid, leaving scarcely more than a month for the ass-

son of spring. Population about 600,000.

More than three-fourths of the inhabitants of the country are of French descent, and speak the French language; they are all Catholics, and much attached to their priests: the remainder are mostly natives of Great Britain and much attached scendants. Education is much neglected, and the mass of the people are very ignorant and illiterate. The Quebec Mercury lately gravely proposed the establishment of a seminary for the instruction of those members of their parliament who could neither read nor write. The native French Canadians are called habitans. They are gay, satisfied with a little, and strongly attached to their religion and native country. In the management of periogues and canoes on the lakes and long rivers, they have no rivals. They are also remarkably ingenious in making their own domestic implements. The countenance of the Canadian is long and thin; his complexion sun-burnt and swarthy, inclining towards that of the Indian; his eyes black and lively; with lank and meagre cheeks, a sharp and prominent chin, and such easy and polite manners, as though he had always lived in the great world, rather than amid thick forests. Their intercourse with each other is to the last degree affectionate, and a French Canadian village constitutes one family. Their cheerfulness, whether in prosperity or adversity, is inexhaustible, and more valuable to them than all the boasted attainments of philosophy.

In winter, their dress is that of the Russians; their social intercourse that of the age of Louis XIV. As soon as the penance of their long fast is ended, their feasting begins. The friends and relatives assemble. Turkeys, pies, and all the dainties of the season, decorate the board. Coffee is introduced. The violin is

heard, and those gay and simple people are the most invaterate denoers in the world.

There is a marked difference between this province and the United States in the habits of the people, their buildings, and their modes of living. An individual from the latter country, who happens to be in Canada, will be reminded by everything about him that he is not at home. This province is separated from New York and Vermont by the 45° of north latitude; from New Hampshire and Maine, by the highlands running between the rivers which flow into the St. Lawrence, and those emptying into the Atlantic Ocean; from New Bruswick by the river fistigouche; from New Britain, by the ridge separating the waters of Hudson's Bay from those of the St. Lawrence; and from Upper Canada by the Ottawa river.

The city of Quebec was, from the first settlement of Canada until the union of the two provinces in 1841, the capital of the country. It is singularly situated, half on a plain along the northern bank of the St. Lawrence, and the other half on the top of a steep perpendicular rock, 350 feet high. These are called the Upper and Lower towns. Quebec, as a military station, is very strong; its fortifications render it almost a second Gibraltar. It was one of the most brilliant scenes of British glory. Near it, on the plains of Abraham, Wolfe, at the cost of his life, gained the splendid victory which annexed Canada to the British empire. The population of Quebec is about 35,000; its commerce is considerable, as all the vessels that enter the St. Lawrence stop there and unload their cargoes. A great fire occurred here, May 28, 1845, and another on the 29th of the following month; by these disasters more than half the city was destroyed, and 16,000 individuals were rendered houseless. The town of Three Rivers, containing 3000 inhabitants, is situated on the St. Lawrence, 90 miles above Quebec.

The commercial and political capital of Canada is Montreal; it is situated immediately below the rapids, at a point where the Ottawa river flows into the St. Lawrence. Most of the business, even of Quebec, is carried on by branches from the Montreal houses. It derives a great impulse from the transactions of the Hudson's Bay Fur Company; and it is the centre of the commerce with the United States, carried on by Lake Champlain and the Hudson. Vessels of 600 or 700 tons can, notwithstanding some difficulties, come up to Montreal; its wharf presents a busy scene,—the tall masts of merchantmen from the Thames, the Mersey, and the Clyde, with the steam-packets which ply between Quebec and Montreal. The island of Montreal is about thirty miles in length, and seven in breadth; it is of alluvial soil, the most fertile in Lower Canada, and also the most highly cultivated. The view over it, of fruitful fields, gay country-houses, and the streams by which it is encircled, is one of the most pleasing that can be imagined. The interior of the town is not so attractive. It is substantially, but gloomily, but? of dark gray limestone, with roofs of tin, the only kind, it is said, which are stand the intense cold of winter; while the windows and doors are shut in with massive plates of iron. The streets, though tolerably regular, were inconveniently narrow; but of late several have been formed, extending the whole length of the town, that are commodious and airy. The new cathedral, opened in 1939, is considered one of the handsomest structures in America. It is 255 feet long, 134 broad, 230 feet high in its principal front; and it is capable of containing 10,000 persons. Two Catholics seminaries, the English church, and the general hospital, are also handsome structures. The population amounts to 50,000.

The village of La Prairie, on the south bank of the St. Lawrence, is the medium of communication between Montreal and the United States. Dorchester, on the Sorelle, is a considerable village.

La Chine, above the rapids, which interrupt the navigation above Montreal, is an important depôt for the interior trade. A number of townships have been formed along the northern bank of the Ottawa, the part of Lower Canada chiefly resorted to by emigrants. The country is level and fertile, but its progress is much obstructed by the number of old unimproved grants; so that the population does not much rexceed 5300. Hull and Bytown are small improving towns of the river; the latter on the south, and the former on the north side.

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The tract of country lying to the south-east of the St. Lawrence, on the borders of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, has of late years attracted many settlers, to whom it is known under the name of the Eastern Townships. The lands here are held in free and common soccage, and the English law prevails. The population of the townships is now about 50,000. Stanstead and Sherbrooke are the principal towns of this fine and flourishing region. On the south side of the St. Lawrence River are the neat and thriving villages of St. Thomas and Kamouraska; the former about 20 and the latter 90 miles below Quebec. Kamouraska is pleasantly situated, and much resorted to by the citizens of the capital for the benefit of sea-bathing.

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The district of Gaspé remains to complete the description of Lower Canada. It is on the south side of the St. Lawrence, near its mouth, bordering on New Brunswick. It is a country of irregular and sometimes mountainous surface, containing numerous lakes, and watered by several rivers, of which the Restigouche is the principal. The territory is covered with dense foreste, inhabited by 7000 or 8000 woodmen and fishermen, and exports some fish, oil, and timber. The cod-fishery employs 1800 men, and produces about 50,000 quintals of fish, and 20,000 barrels of oil; and about 4000 barrels of herrings, and 2000 of salmon are shipped for Quebec. Douglas, Bonaventure, and New Carliale, are small villages of forty or fifty huts each.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick is situated to the east of the State of Maine, and to the northwest of Neva Scotia, from which it is separated by the Bay of Fundy; on the north it has part of Lower Canada, the boundary between the two being the River Restigouche. It has, on the east, a winding coast along the Gulf of St. Lawrence, indented by navigable bays and inlets. The country, towards the seacoast and along the St. John's River, is level, but the western and northern parts are somewhat hilly. Population, in 1834, 120,000; now probably 150,000.

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This colony is still almost one magnificent unbroken forest, and, under the encouragement afforded by the mother country, almost all the energies of the inhabitants are directed to the lumber trade. The borders of the rivers, where cultivated, are fertile in grass and grain, though agriculture is not yet greatly advanced. The sea-coast abounds in cod and other fish; the river St. John's is thronged with herring, shad, and salmon. The fisheries are a source of considerable wealth and employment to the inhabitants; the produce of these being, with timber, the great staples of export.

The town of St. Johns, on a fine harbour at the mouth of the river St. John, is the most considerable place in New Brunswick. The population is about 25,000. Ship-building is extensively carried on; in 1839, 164 ships, of an aggregate burthen of 46,000 tons, were constructed. St. Andrews, at the head of Passamaquoddy Bay, besides its timber trade, has a considerable fishery, and contains about 5000 inhabitants. Frederickton, the seat of government, is about 85 miles up the St. John's river, which, being navigable for vessels of 50 tons, is the seat of a considerable inland trade; the population is 2000; it is rather regularly built of wood,

with government offices, several churches, and a college.

The river Mirimichi is distinguished by the extensive forests on its banks, whence large shipments of timber are made at the port of that name, as well as at those of Chatham, Douglas, and Newcastle. This tract of country was, in October 1825, the scene of one of the most dreadful conflagrations on record. The flames, kindled by accident at several points at once, were impelled by a violent wind, and fed always with new fuel, till they spread over about 100 miles of territory, involving it in smoke and flame, and reducing to askes the towns of Douglas and Newcastle; nearly 200 persons are said to have perished, and more than 2000 to have been reduced to entire destitution. The natural advantages of the country, however, have enabled them to recover with surprising rapidity. New

Brunswick was originally settled by German troops in the service of Great Britain, and hence its name. It was included in Nova Scotia until 1784. Dalhousie and Bathurst, on Chaleur Bay, and Liverpool, on the east coast south of Mirimichi Bay, are small villages.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scotia was first settled by the French, and named by them Acadia. was granted by James I, to Sir William Alexander, a Scottish nobleman, by whom it was called Nova Scotia; but was not confirmed to England until 1713. It included New Brunswick until 1784, when it was divided into two provinces. This colony is a large peninsula, bounded on the north by the narrow strait segarating it from Cape Breton and Prince Edward's Islands, on the south-east by the Atlantic Ocean, and on the north-west by the Bay of Fundy, which penetrates so deep as to leave only an isthmus about nine miles broad, connecting it with New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia is about 280 miles long, and from 50 to 100 broad, comprising about 16,000 square miles, or upwards of 10,000,000 acres. The surface of the country is moderately uneven, and in some places hilly. The climate is cold, but healthy, and, with the progress of cultivation, is gradually ameliorating. Spring is late and irregular in its approach; but when vegetation commences, it is very rapid, and in a few days changes the whole face of nature. On the coast the soil is generally poor, but in the interior and northern parts it is well adapted to cultiva-tion. Wheat and other grains are raised to some extent, and large quantities of the finest potatoes,

The population, in 1834, was, including Cape Breton, about 195,000; it is now probably not less than 220,000. The inhabitants are about one-fourth Acadians, or descendants of the first French settlers; a fourth from Scotland, some Germans, free negroes, and a few of the aboriginal race of Indians; the remainder of the population are mostly from different parts of the British empire. The principal exports to Europe are timber and fish, and to the West Indies and the neighbouring States, timber, provisions, coal of fine quality, gypeum and

The administration of the colony is vested in a governor, council, and house of assembly. There are colleges at Halifax, Windsor, and Pictou; also numerous schools, partly supported by government, for the instruction of the lower classes. The religious denominations are Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists

and Catholics,

Halifax is the capital, situated on one of the noblests harbours in the world, capable of containing any amount of shipping of any burthen. It was founded in 1749, by General Cornwallis, and has since carried on almost all the trade of the colony. At the close of the last war, the population was estimated at 12,000, and in 1833 at 18,000. The most extensive dock-yard in British America has been formed here, where a number of ships of the line and armed vessels are generally lying, either stationed here or for repairs. A considerable number of troops are always in garrison, who, with the naval officers, give it the air of a military place. Lunenburg, the chief of the German settlements, contains a population of about 2000 inhabitants, and has a brisk trade. Liverpool also carries on a considerable trade; but Shelburn, which, at the end of the American revolutionary war, was the largert place in Nova Scotia, has sunk to a mere village. The north-eastern coast has Pictou, from which, and the neighbouring bays on this coast, is shipped the largest quantity of timber and coal. On a river falling into the Bay of Fundy is Annapolis, the original French capital; but since the transference of the government to Halifax, it has sunk into a mere secondary place. The trade of this great bay is now carried on from Yarmouth, at its mouth; the population of which, since 1791, has risen from 1800 to 4500. Gypsum is the principal article of export.

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Cape Breton is a large island, separated from Nova Scotia by St. George's Gulf and the Gut of Canso, a great part of which is not more than a mile broad. The island is about 100 miles in length, and from 30 to 80 in breadth. It is penetrated by an arm of the sea, called the Bras d'Or, which divides it nearly into two equal portions, and is throughout navigable. The surface is diversified by hills, none of which rise above 1500 feet; and the soil is fully equal to that of the neighbouring countries. Only the coasts, including those of the Bras d'Or, have yet been cultivated; and the population in general is in a less improved state than in the other colonies. The climate resembles that of the neighbouring countries in the intensity of the cold in winter, and of the heat in summer; but these follow more irregularly, and a fortnight's thaw occurs often in the midst of frost and snow. Yet these variations are not disadvantageous to agriculture, which, however, is still in its infancy, the valuable cod-fishery attracting the chief industry of the people. Cape Breton, therefore, imports wheat flour, though it affords a small surplus of oats and potatoes. There are coal-mines of great value, which have been worked for fifty years; about 70,000 tons are annually exported. About fifty vessels, averaging fifty tons each, are annually built. Cape Breton has excellent harbours, and commands, in a great measure, the navigation of the St. Lawrence. Of the population, exceeding 25,000, the most numerous portion consists of Scottish highlanders, and next to them of Acadians. The island was, in 1820, politically united to Nova Scotia, and sends two members to the house of assembly. Louisburg, which the French carefully fortified, and made one of the principal stations in their "New France," is now entirely deserted, and Sydney, a village of 1000 inhabitants, is all the capital which Cape Breton can boast. Peters, on the south coast, and Arechat, a small fishing-town on Isle Madame, are the other principal settlements,

To the south-east of Nova Scotia lies Sable Island, a dangerous sand-bank in

the track of vessels sailing between Europe and America.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

PRINCE EDWARD's, formerly St. Johns, is a fine fertile island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, lying nearly parallel to the coasts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It is 135 miles long and 34 broad. It is deeply indented by bays and inlets. The area is computed at 1,400,000 acres. The surface of the island is level, and varied only by gentle undulations. It has shorter winters than the neighbouring colonies, and is exempt from those extremes of heat and cold, and heavy fogs, which render them often so gloomy. The soil is good and well adapted to agriculture, especially wheat and coats, of which it affords a surplus. In 1768, the island contained only 150 families. The population is now 35,000, chiefly Scotch highlanders, and some Acadians, and English from Yorkshire. Charlottetown is the capital, with a population of 3500. There are several other small towns in the island: some of them are Georgetown, Belfast, Dartmouth, Prince Town, &c.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

This large island is 420 miles long and 300 broad, situated at the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and is the most eastern part of North America. The interior of Newfoundland has never been thoroughly explored. It presents a bold and rocky shore, abounding in harbours. The soil is mostly barren, and the timber scanty and stunted. Some tracts, however, are supposed to be well fitted for pasturage. The climate is severe, and the country is frequently visited by dreary fogs and storms of sleet and snow.

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the tropics by the gulf stream, which also bears down on its bosom countless mil-

lions of the animal on which the fish feed.

The Grand Bank of Newfoundland, situated to the eastward of the island, is the greatest submarine elevation known. It is from 500 to 600 miles in length, and in some places near 200 in breadth. Some distance farther from the Grand Bank, is the Outer Bank, or Flemish Cap, about 90 miles in length, by 50 wide; and to the westward are the Green and Whale Banks. These are the great rendezvous of the codfish, and form the fishing-ground for some 2500 to 3000 vessels, and from 35,000 to 40,000 Americans, English, and French, chiefly, however, the first and last. The banks are frequently enveloped in dense fogs from April to December.

So early was the value of the Newfoundland fisheries discovered, that in 1517, only twenty years after the first voyage, upwards of fifty vessels, of different nations, were found employed in it. The British soon took the most active part, and formed colonies on the island. Their sovereignty was acknowledged by the treaty of Utrecht, which reserved, however, to the French, the right of fishing on the banks. This was confirmed in 1763, when the small islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon were allowed to them to dry their fish. The Americans have the right to take fish at any three miles from the shore, and to dry them on any of the neighbouring coasts unoccupied by British settlers. The fishing season begins in April and ends in October: the business is lucrative, dangerous, and an admirable nursery for our hardy and adventurous seamen, and furnishes one of the considerable elements of our trade. Many English and French vessels are here in company. Every part of the process, from taking the hungry animals from the water, and curing the fish and delivering it in all parts of the world, is specific, and employs its specific process. The English and French dry their fish on the islands. We bring great portions of ours, pickled, to our own ports, and dry them there, particularly at Marbhehead, Glou-ester, and Beverly. A great number of acres around those towns are covered with the fiskes or scaffolds on which those fish are dried. A vessel with twelve men usually takes from 20,000 to 50,000 fish. The whole employment not only rears thousands of men to consider the sea their home, and storms their element, but many other thousands are employed in the business to which this gives birth; and our share of the business, in good years, amounts to some millions of dollars. Nothing can be more unique than the modes of life of these men, whose abode is on the sea. They are hale, healthy, honest, interpid, and of reckless cheerfulness of character.

Newfoundland contains about 90,000 inhabitants. They are honest and industrious, but often addicted to drunkenness. Capital offences are rare, and petty thefts are scarcely known. The people, consisting chiefly of Irish, Scotch, and the inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey, or their descendants (the Indian aborigines having been long all but extinct), are employed, either wholly or occasionally, in the fisheries. The pasture of cattle and sheep, and the cultivation of small spots of land, are likewise partial sources of occupation.

There is no church establishment in Newfoundland, all sects having equal privileges; but a titular Roman Catholic bishop resides at St. Johns, and a vicar-general at ace Harbour. The Roman Catholics are the prevailing body; but there are also Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Wesleyan Methodists.

St. Johns, the principal place in the island, is little more than a large fishing station, the whole shore being lined with wharves and stages for landing and drying fish. It is defended by several forts, one of which, Fort Townsend, is the residence of the governor. The houses are built mostly of wood. This construction exposed the town to a series of dreadful conflagrations, in 1916, 1817, 1818, and 1837. In one of these (Nov. 7, 1817), property to the amount of half a million sterling was destroyed. The stationary population of St. Johns is estimated at 12,500, but varies according to the season of the year.

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UNITED STATES.

THE UNITED STATES are the most interesting and important division of the western continent. They are distinguished for the excellence of their government, the rapid increase of the population, and for the intelligence, industry, and enterprise of the inhabitants. They occupy the most valuable and productive portion of North America, and rank amongst the most powerful commercial and wealthy nations of the globe.

The United States are situated between 24° 20′ and 54° 40′ N. latitude, and longitude 17° E., and 125° W. longitude, extending through 29 degrees of latitude and 58 degrees of longitude, and comprise a superficial area of upwards of 2,300,000 square miles. The frontier line has a length of 10,000 miles, of which about 3600 are sea-coast, and 1200 lake-coast. A line drawn across from the Atlantic to the Pacific, through the centre, is about 2500 miles in length.

So vast a region of course includes a great variety of surface, soil, and climate. It abounds in navigable rivers, and a large proportion of it is susceptible of cultivation, and is of a quality calculated to repay the labour bestowed upon it, more than almost any other region of the same extent in the world: but a small portion of its surface is occupied by mountains, which, from their height or ruggedness, forbid all attempts to render them productive in the means of subsistence to man. There are no great deserts, and few barrens; nothing like the vast sterile plains which exist in other parts of the world. The basins of the rivers are exceedingly productive: that of the Mississippi, including the Missouri, is undoubtedly the finest valley on the globe. It is abundantly watered by streams, which not only give fertility to their borders, but are ready to waft the gits of the soil to the ocean, and bring back to the inhabitants the products of all other climes. The soil returns an ample harvest for all that is planted in it, and the climate is favourable to almost every production of the earth that can sustain life or increase its luxuries.

Though lying within the temperate zone, the United States embrace a great variety of climate. In the northern parts, the winters are long and severe; snow often falls to the depth of two or three feet, and the cold is so piercing as to oblige the inhabitants to make very diligent provision against it. Spring returns here in April, and in summer the heat is great. In the southern parts of the country, snow is seldom seen, ice is rarely formed in the rivers, and those fruits which shrink from a northern climate, and flourish only in warm regions, are scattered over the soil. In Georgia, the inhabitants may collect the figs which grow before the windows, and may load their tables with oranges, lemons, and other exquisite fruits that grow in their gardens and groves, while in parts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, even peaches will not flourish. Between these extremities, as in Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois, there is a region adapted to the wine-grape, which thrives best in places removed from both the torrid and frigid zones.

The United States are intersected by two principal and two subordinate ranges of mountains, the Rocky and Alleghany, the Ozark and Green Mountains. The Rocky Mountain, or Chippewayan range, forms the great dividing ridge of North America, separating the waters which flow in opposite directions, towards the great oceans which bound the opposite sides of the continent. They are situated at a medium distance of about 600 miles from the Pacific; the highest rise above the line of perpetual congelation, being estimated at about 12,000 feet in height.

The Alleghany, or Appalachian range, runs in a north-easterly direction from the northern part of Alabama to New-York, stretching along in uniform ridges, at the distance of from 250 to 80 miles from the sea-coast, and following its general direction. It occupies in breadth a space of from 60 to 120 miles, and separates the waters which run into the Atlantic Ocean, from those which flow into the Mississippi and its tributaries. The highest elevation in this range, and the

most prominent in the Atlantic States, is Black Mountain, in the western part of

North Carolina: it is 6476 feet in height.

The Green Mountains extend from Connecticut, through Massachusetts and Vermont, to Canada, dividing the Atlantic rivers from those of Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence. Some of the peaks of this range attain considerable elevation. In New Hampshire and Maine, are found many considerable peaks, which are not connected with any systematic range, but are scattered in detached groups. The White Mountains, in New Hampshire, are the most elevated in New England. Mount Katahdin, or Ktaadin, near the centre of the state of Maine, is the highest in that state. The view from its summit is fine and varied, and extends over 80 or 100 miles. The other principal heights in Maine are Wassataquoik Mountain, Mount Abraham, Mount Bigelow, Speckled Mountain. The Ozark Mountains extend from Texas, through the western part of Arkan-

The Ozark Mountains extend from Texas, through the western part of Arkansas, into the lead-mine region of Missouri. Their general direction is nearly similar to that of the Alleghany range, and their altitude is supposed to be about

2000 feet above the sea.

The territory of the United States is washed by three seas, the Atlantic Ocean on the east, the Gulf of Mexico on the south, and the Pacific Ocean on the west. The principal bays and sounds on the Atlantic border, are Passamaquoddy Bay, which lies between the state of Maine and the British province of New Brunswick; Massachusetts Bay, between Cape Ann and Cape Cod, on the coast of Massachusetts; Long Island Sound, between Long Island and the coast of Connecticut; Delaware Bay, between Cape May and Cape Henlopen, which separates New Jersey from Delaware; Chesapeake Bay, which communicates with the ocean between Cape Charles and Cape Henry, and extends in a northern direction for 200 miles, through the states of Virginia and Maryland; and Albemarle and Pamplico Sounds, on the coast of North Carolina. In the Gulf of Mexico, the principal bays are Chatham Bay, near the southern extremity of the peninsula of Florida; Appalachie Bay; and Mobile Bay, in Alabama. In the Pacific, the Gulf of Georgia is the most important inlet on the western coast of the United States. It separates Qudra and Vancouver's Island from the main land, and is about 120 miles in length from north to south, and from 5 to 20 miles in width.

The great lakes Superior, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, not being altogether in the United States, have been described elsewhere. The boundary between the British and American territories passes through their centre, allotting about an equal share of their vast waters to each nation. Lake Michigan is wholly within the territory of the United States. It is connected with Huron by the Strait of Michillimackinac, and is about 320 miles in length, and from 55 to 60 miles wide, with an area of 16,200 square miles. The country around the head of this lake is settling rapidly; and the mildness of the climate, the excellence of the soil, and the probable speedy junction of its waters with those of the Mississippi, will shortly fill this portion of the west with population and wealth. By the St. Clair River, of 35 miles course, the waters of huron rapidly descend to the St. Clair, a sheer, of 35 miles course, the waters of huron rapidly descend to the St. Clair, as a ballow lake about 90 miles in circuit. Detroit River connects Lakes St. Clair and Erie. The other lakes of any magnitude in the United States are Champlain in New-York, Winnipissogee in New Hampshire, and Moose Head in Maine.

Lake Champlain separates the States of New York and Vermont, and is in extent 140 miles nearly north and south. It is connected with the Hudson river by the Champlain canal, and with the St. Lawrence river by the Sorelle, or Richelieu. Large and elegant steam-boats ply daily between Whitehall and St. John's, Lower Canada, which touch at the principal places, and numerous travellers are constantly passing and repassing this route during the season of navigation.

Lake Winnipiseogee is one of the most picturesque sheets of water in New England. It is very irregular in form, and contains a number of islands, some of which are cultivated. The lake is about 22 miles long, and from 1 to 8 miles

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The Rivers which water the territory of the United States are numerous, and some of them among the most important in the world. No portion of the globe possesses greater facilities for inland navigation and trade, or is more generally intersected with large and navigable streams. They may be divided into four great classes: 1st. The streams which rise on the east side of the Alleghany mountains, and flow into the Atlantic Ocean; 2d. Those south of the Alleghany range, which discharge themselves into the Gulf of Mexico; 3d. The Mississippi and its wide tributaries, which drain the waters of the vast valley included between the Rocky and Alleghany ranges; and 4th. The rivers which, rising on the western declivity of the Rocky Mountains, direct their course to the Pacific Ocean.

The Penchecot is the largest river that has its course wholly in the State of Maine. It joins the Penchecot Bay between the towns of Penchecot and Prospect. It is navigable for vessels of considerable burden to Bangor, where navigation and the tide terminate. Large quantities of timber are exported from the sea-ports on the river and lay. The course of this river is near 300 miles.

Kennebeck River is, next to the Penebecot, the largest in Maine. It is the outlet of Moose Head lake, the most considerable in the State. It is navigable for vessels of 150 tons to Endowed, 40 miles from the sea. Its whole course is about 230 miles.

Connecticut River, the most important stream in New England, rises in the highlands separating the United States from Canada, and flows into Long Island Sound, after a course of apwards of 400 miles. It is navigable to Hartforf for large steam-boats, and vessels of 8 feet draught; also for small steam-boats to Wells river, in Vermont, more than 200 miles above Hartford. The head waters of this river are elevated 1600 feet above Long Island Sound. Its banks present to the eye every variety of scenery;—magnificent mountains and hills, delightful valleys and meadows, unsurpassed in beauty and fertility, and many of the most beautiful towns and villeges in New England.

The Hudson River rises west of Lake Champlain in numerous branches, and pursuing nearly a straight southerly course of about 320 miles, unites with the Atlantic below the city of New York. This is one of the most important rivers in the United States. The navigation and commerce on its waters are very great, and annually increasing. By means of the Eric and Champlain canals, it is connected with take Eric and the St. Lawrence river. It is navigable for ships of large burden to Hudson city, and for the largest steam-boats to Albany and Troy. Delaware River rises in New York, and flowing south, separates Pennsylvania

Delaware Eiver rises in New York, and flowing south, separates Pennsylvania from New York and New Jersey, and falls into Leaware bay, after a course of about 310 miles, below New Castle. It is navigable for vessels of the greatest burden to Philadelphia, and for small craft to the head of the tide at Trenton, above which city it is navigable 100 miles for boats of 8 or 9 tons.

Susquehannah River, one of the largest in Pennsylvania, is formed by its north and weat branches, which unite at Northumberland. Its north, or longest branch, rises in Otsego lake, New York, from whence to its mouth is about 460 miles.

The Potomac River rises in two branches in the Alleghany Mountains, and forms, during its course to Chesapeake bay, the boundary between Virginia and Maryland. It is navigable for vessels of large burthen to Washington city. Its junction at Harper's Ferry with the Shenandoah, is regarded as a great curiosity. Its leng in is shout 335 miles.

James River pursues a course of upwards of 400 miles, and unites with the south part of Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads. It is navigable for sloope Richmond, where the Great Falls formerly presented an obstruction, but a can have been made around them, and the river is now navigable for batteaux 2

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Appalachicon, which discharges itself into the bay of the same name, in the Gulf of Mexico, is formed by the union of the Chattahoochee and Flint rivers. The former is navigated to Columbus by steam-boats: on its head-waters are numerous gold-mines. The Appalachicola and Chattahoochee united, are about 425 miles in length.

The Mobile River is formed by the junction of the Alabama and Tombeckbee rivers, 40 miles above Mobile. The head-waters of the Alabama rise in the gold-region of Georgia, not far from the sources of the Chattahoochee, and after a southwest course of near 500 miles, form a junction with the Tombeckbee. Steamboats ascend to Montgomery, a distance, by the meanders of the rivers, of near 8100 miles.

The Mississippi is the largest river of North America, and one of the noblest in the world-watering a more fertile region, and having a larger course of uninterripted navigation, than any other known streem. Its course taken in connexion with its mighty auxiliary, the Missouri-s estimated at 4490 miles in length. The space drained by its waters is supposed to exceed 1,300,000 square miles, being upwards of two-thirds of the whole territory of the United States, or about one twenty-eighth part of the terraqueous surface of the globe. In no portion of the world has the triumph of art over the obstacles of nature been so complete. The introduction of steam-navigation has been productive of immense advantages, and has been carried to a greater extent than on any other river. Mississippi proper rises west of Lake Superior, in a dreary and desolate region, amidst lakes and swamps, and, after pursuing a south-east course of about 600 miles, reaches the falls of St. Anthony, where it descends perpendicularly 16 feet, and where are 58 feet of rapids. Thence it flows a south-easterly, and then southerly direction; and after forming the boundary between Missouri, Arkansas Territory, and Louisiana, on the west, and Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi, on the east, discharges its waters, through many mouths, into the Gulf of Mexico. It is nearly 3000 miles long, and is navigable for steam-boats to the falls of St. Anthony. The following are the principal tributaries of the Mississippi from the west:—The St. Peter's, which joins it at Fort Snelling, is a stream of about 400 miles, flowing a south-east course. The Des Moines, a river of about 400 miles in length, enters the Mississippi about 130 miles above the

The Missouri enters the Mississippi river about 18 miles above St. Louis, after a course of 3217 miles. Although it loses its name at its confluence with the latter, it is much the longer stream of the two; but the Mississippi, having been first discovered and explored, has retained its name to the Gulf of Mexico. This error being now past remedy, the Missouri must be considered as a tributary of the Mississipi. It is formed of numerous branches, which rise among the Rocky Mountains, between the parallels of 4% and 48% N. Latitude. The most remote are the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin rivers. The only obstruction that occurs to its navigation is at the Great Falls, a distance of 2575 miles from the Mississippi. Here the river descends 362 feet in 18 miles: the descent is by four great pitches or cataracts, of 98, 19, 49, and 26 feet, respectively. The width of the river is about 350 yards, and the cataracts are considered to be, next to those of Niagar, the grandest in the world. About 100 miles above, is the place called the Gates of the Rocky Mountains. This river was lately ascended by a steam-vessel 300 miles above the Yellow Stone, a distance from the mouth of the Mississippi of 3460 miles.

The largest tribularies of the Missouri are the Yellow Stone, of 1100 miles in length, the Platte, or Shallow river, of 1600 miles court, and the Kanzas, of 1200 miles in length. They all rise in the Rocky Mourains, and flow through a flat prairie country, inhabited by a widely scattered Indian population.

The Arkansas is, after the Missouri, the most considerable tributary of the Mississippi from the west. It rises in the Rocky Mountains, and its course is computed to be about 2000 miles. It enters the Mississippi river about 540 miles below the Missouri. Steam-boats can generally ascend this river to the mouth

of the Canadian, its largest tributary, and occasionally to Cantonment Gibson, 640 miles from the Mississippi river,

The Red River is the first tributary stream of any note which enters the Mississippi, in ascending from its mouth. It has a course of about 1500 miles, and flows through immense prairies of a red soil.

The principal tributaries of the Mississippi which flow into it from the east-ward are as follows:—

Chippeway River, 200 miles in length, enters the Mississippi at the lower end of Lake Pepin.

The Wisconsin River joins the Mississippi about 4 or 5 miles below the town of Prairie du Chien. In part of its course it approaches so near the Fox River of Green Bay, as to leave a portage of only 1½ miles. It is one of the great natural channels of communication between the lakes and the Mississippi.

The Illinois River enters the Mississippi 18 miles above the Missouri, after a course of more than 400 miles. It is near a quarter of a mile wide at its mouth, and has a remarkably smooth, gentle current.

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The Ohio River is the largest eastern tributary of the Mississippi. At its junction, and for 100 miles above, it is as large as the parent stream. This river, from its commencement, affords the most delightful prospects. Tributaries of romantic and beautiful character come in almost at equal distances, as lateral canals. The Ohio is formed by the union of the Alleghany and Monongahela rivers at Pittsburg. It flows in a south-westerly direction for 945 miles, separating the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, from Virginia and Kentucky, and falls into the Mississippi 193 miles below the Missouri. Its current is gentle, and is nowhere broken by any considerable falls, except at Louisville, in Kentucky, where the water descends 22½ feet in 2 miles. This obstruction is now obvilated by the Louisville and Portland canal, which affords a passage to steambots of small draft at all seasons to the unper parts of the river at Pittsburg.

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The chief tributaries of the Ohio are the Wabash, a fine navigable river, which rises in the north-east part of Indiana. It is in length about 450 miles.

The Cumberland River rises in the mountains, on the eastern boundary of Kentucky. At high water, it is navigable for boats almost to its source, and for steam-boats to Nashville at all seasons.

Tennessee River is formed by the union of several large branches, which rising in the mountainous country in western Virginia and North Carolina, unite in one in the vicinity of Knoxville, enters the Ohio 46 miles above the Mississippi, and 12 below the Cumberland. Its entire course from the source of its longest branch, is 850 miles distant from the Ohio. It is navigable for steam-boats, in most stages of the water, to Florence, at the foot of the Muscle Shoals. This is the most important of all the tributaries of the Ohio.

The Yazoo, the most southern of the principal eastern tributaries of the Mississippi, has a course of 240 miles, and discharges its waters into the Mississippi about 12 miles above the Walnut Hills.

The most considerable river on the Pacific side of the Rocky Mountains is the Columbia, or Oregon. Its head-waters interlock with the Arkansas, Rio del Norte, &c.: it is about 1400 miles in length, its principal branches are Lewis's or Saptin river, 1000 miles in extent; Clark's or Flat Head river, 700 miles long, M'Gillivray's, Okinagan, &c. Fort George or Astoria, Fort Vancouver, and others, on these waters, are trading establishments belonging to the British Hudson's Bay Company. Vessels of 300 tons may ascend the Columbia, 125 miles; and large sloops may go up to the head of tide, 183 miles from the Ocean.

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Minerals abound in the United States in great variety and profusion. Iron is very generally diffused, and is very abundant. Lead, limestone, and coal both of the anthracite and bituminous kind, abound in quantities supposed to be inexhaustible, especially of the former description. Gold has recently been found to a considerable amount in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. The most valuable mines are in North Carolina and Georgia. It is difficult to ascertain the amount of gold found in the United States; but the value of the metal sent to the Mint, from 1823 to 1836, was \$4,377,500, pro-

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Salt springs abound in many parts of the Union, and large quantities are manufactured in New York, Western Pennsylvania, Western Virginia, Ohio, and Illinois: it is also made from sea-water in some parts of New England. The whole amount made in 1840 was 6,179,174 bushels.

The United States form a federal republic. Each of the States is independent, and has the exclusive control of all concerns merely local; but the defence of the country, the regulation of commerce, and all the general concerns of the confederacy, are committed, by the constitution, to a general government.

The legislative power is vested in a Congress, consisting of a Senate and House of Representatives. The Senate is composed of 2 members from each State, chosen every two years, for a period of six years, so that one-third of the Senate is renewed biennially. The members of the House of Representatives are chosen every two years. Their number is proportioned to the number of inhabitants, and the ratio has been fixed at one for every 70,680 inhabitants, three-fifths of the slaves being omitted in the enumeration. The House of Representatives represents the people; the Senate represents the States.

The judiciary is composed of a Supreme Court, of one chief and eight associate judges; of 35 District Courts, of one judge each, except that seven of the States are divided into districts (New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, are divided into two districts each, and Tennessee is divided into three districts); there are 9 Circuit Courts, composed of the judge of the district, and one of the judges of the Supreme Court.

The executive power is vested in a President, who, together with the Vice-President, is chosen for four years, by electors from all the States. The principal subordinate officers of the executive department are the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, of War, and of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General. The President must be a native-born citizen, or have been a citizen at the adoption of the constitution, of 35 years of age, and have resided in the United States 14 years. The present constitution of the United States was adopted in 1789, and has since been amended. It secures to the people the grand principles of freedom, liberty of conscience in matters of religion, liberty of the press, trial by jury, and the right of choosing and being chosen to office.

The principal executive officers are the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, of War, and of the Navy, the Postmuster General, and the Attorney General. They are removable at the will of the President, and, with the Vice-President, form the cabinet. The Department of State was created in 1789. The Secretary conducts the negotiations with foreign powers, and corresponds with the public ministers of the United States abroad, and with those of foreign states near the United States. He has the charge of the United States seal, preserves the originals of laws and treaties, and of the public correspondence growing out of the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; he grants passports to American citizens visiting foreign countries, has the control of the patent office, and preserves the evidence of copy-rights. There are attached to the Department of State, a Diplomatic Bureau, a Consular Bureau, a Home Bureau, and the Patent Office.

The Treasury Department was created in 1789. The Secretary superintends the fiscal concerns of the government; he is required to report to Congress annually the state of the finances, and recommends such measures as he thinks proper for improving the condition of the revenue. The Treasury Department comprises the offices of the Secretary, our Controllers, ten Auditors, the Register, the Treasurer, the Solicitor of the Treasury, and the Land Office.

As the s is at present no direct taxation by the general government, the revenue has arisen chiefly from the customs on imports, and from the sale of the public

lands. By these means the national government was enabled, January 1st, 1837, not only to complete the payment of the public debt contracted during two wars with Great Britain; but, after reserving \$5,000,000, they were able to distribute to the States the sum of \$37,468,850, which be an act of June 23d, 1836, was deposited with them according to the makes to their electoral votes, liable to be recalled in case of necessity, but which will probably never be recalled. The great expense of the Indian war in Florida, and the diminution of the customs in consequence of commercial embarrassments, caused the expenses of the government temporarily to exceed the revenue; so that a small debt was contracted, amounting, on December 1st, 1844, to \$23,850,\$73.03.

The public lands have recently been a great source of revenue. These lands have been ceded to the United States by the new States, or have been derived from the purchase of Louisiana in 1803, and of Florida to the pare considered as belonging to the native tribes of Indians who inhabit them, until the title has been regularly extinguished by purchase and treaty. When this is done, they are surveyed, and sold at \$1.25 the acre, as the lowest price. This source of revenue is much less considerable than formerly. In 1836, it amounted to the large sum of \$25,167.000; but it has now diminished to less than \$3,000,000 annually. The law for the distribution of the proceeds among the States has been repealed. The revenue of the United States for the year ending July 1st, 1844, amounted, with a balance in the treasury at the commencement of the year, to \$40,816,207.58, and the expenditure to \$32,958,827.94; leaving a balance in the treasury, on the lat of July, 1844, of \$7,857,379.61. The United States have \$72,645,356 acres of public land surveyed and unsold, and much more which is

The mint of the United States was established at Philadelphia in 1793; and, in 1838, branches were established at Charlotte, N. C., at Dahlonega, Ga., and at New Orleans, La. At the mint in Philadelphia, the whole coinage, from the commencement to the end of the year 1842, amounted to 255,087,171 pieces, with a value of \$85,873,052; at the branch of Charlotte, 162,118 pieces, with a value of \$666,030; at the branch of Dahlonega, 178,534 pieces, with a value of \$827,-638; at the branch of New Orleans, 14,179,656 pieces, with a value of \$3,155,443; making a total of 269,607,479 pieces, with a total value of \$90,522,163.

On June 30th, 1844, there were 14,103 post-offices in the United States; the amount of transportation during the previous year was 35,409,624 miles, at a cost of \$2,938,551. The expenditure for the year was \$4,296,867.70; gross amount of revenue, \$4,237,285.83. The General Post Office is under the superintendence of the Postmaster-General, who has the appointment of the postmasters throughout the country, and the power of making centracts for carrying the mail.

The War Department was created in 1789. To this department belongs the direction and government of the army of the United States, the erection of fortifications, the execution of topographical surveys, and the superintendence of Indian affairs. Attached to it are a Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pension Bureau, Head-Quarters of the Army, Quarter-Master's Bureau, Subsistence Bureau. General Subsistence, Pay Bureau, Medical and Surgical Bureau, Engineer Bureau, Topographical Bureau, and Ordnance Bureau.

The Army of the United States consisted, in 1844, of 2 regiments of dragoons, 4 of artillery, and 8 regiments of infantry, containing at the and of the year 1844, 8,616 men, viz., dragoons 1,298, artillery 2,340, in try 4,456; the whole being under the command of one major-general, and two madier-generals.

The office of the Secretary of the Navy was created and 17%. The Department consists of a Bureau of Docks and Navy Yards, of Ordnand did Hydrography, of Construction, Repairs and Equipments, of Provisions and Clothing, and of

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The Navy of the United States, though on a small scale, acquired great reputation during the last three years' war, when the American ships successfully encountered those of the mistress of the ocean. Much has since been done, both in enlarging the number of vessels, and extending and constructing suitable dock-yards; but the naval force is not considered adequate to the exigencies of the

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There are eight navy-yards belonging to the United States, viz.: at Portsmouth, N. H.; at Charlestown, in Boston harbour; at Brooklyn, on Wallabout Bay, opposite New York; at Philadelphia; at Washington City; at Gosport,

opposite Norfolk, Va.; at Pensacola, Fl.; and at Memphis, Ten., on the Mississippi river: the latter is not yet completed. There are graving or dry-docks at Charlestown and Gosport, and a third is erecting at Brooklyn.

In its commerce, the United States is the second country on the globe, being inferior only to Great Britain. In 1840, the capital invested in foreign trade, by importing and commission merchants, was \$119,295,367; in domestic retail drygoods and other stores, \$250,301,799; in the fisheries, \$16,429,620. The registers, tonnage of the United States, for the year ending September 30th, 1842, was 975,358; the enrolled and licensed tonnage was 1,045,753; and, of fishing vessels, 71,278; making a total of 2,092,390. Of the registered and enrolled ton-

nage, there were employed in the whale fishery, 157,612 tons.

The value of the imports into the United States for the year 1844, was \$108,434,702. The value of the exports for the same period, was \$111,128,278;

of which \$100,183,497 was domestic produce.

The United States are chiefly an agricultural people, to which they are led by the extent of their territory, and the fertility of the soil; and the agricultural resources of the nation are becoming yearly more and more developed. The following agricultural statistics are derived from the census of the United States There were 4,335,699 horses and mules; 14,971,586 neat cattle; 19,311 74 sheep; 26,301,303 swine; poultry was raised to the value of \$9,344,-410. There were produced, 84,823,272 bushels of wheat; 7,291,743 of buckwheat; 3.3.531,875 of Indian corn; 18,645,567 of rye; 4,161,504 of barley; 123,071,3... of oats; 108,298,000 of potatoes; 35,802,114 pounds of wool 219,163,319 of tobacco; 80,841,423 of rice; 790,479,270 of cotton; 155,100,809 of sugar; 1,2 02 of hops; 622,303 of wax; 61,552 of silk cocoons; 10,248,108 tons of hay; 90,251 of hemp and flax. There were 29; bushels of edible grains, exclusive of potatoes, to every individual of its population. The products of the dairy were valued at \$33 37,008; of the orchard, at \$7,256,904; of lumber, at \$12,943,507. And there were also made, 124,734 gallons of wine.

The manufactures of the United States, though not equal to its agriculture and commerce, and of recent origin, have already risen to great respectability. A large amount of property has been invested in them, machinery has been extensively introduced, and they supply a great amount of articles for home consumption, and, already, considerable for exportation. No country in the world can compete with the United States in the article of coarse cotton goods, neither as to quality flor price. Cottons which, in 1812, were worth 25 cents a-yard, can now be bought, of a better quality, for 8 cents. And, even in the finer quality of goods, great advancement has been made. It is only since the peace of 1815 that manufactures have made great progess, though they were commenced in Rhode Island many years before, and had made some advances. It was the policy of the British government, before the revolution, to discourage American manufactures, and thus to keep the country in a state of great dependence. But that has gone by; and, should events ever cut off a supply of British manufactures, the country would be able to do without them. Unless Great Britain and other countries shall consent, in a fair way, to receive American bread-stuffs in exchange for their manufactures, the Americans will be compelled to become their own manufacturers, and they will thus secure their substantial independence.

Home-made or family goods were produced, in the year 1840, to the amount of \$29,023,380. There were 1240 cotton factories, with 2,284,631 spindles, which employed 72,119 persons, and produced articles to the amount of \$46,350,453, with a capital of \$51,102,359. 1420 woollen manufactories employed 21,342 persons,

producing goods to the amount of \$30,696,999, with a capital of \$15,765,194; 496 paper-mills employed a capital of \$4,745,239; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$8,704,342, and straw bonnets to the amount of \$1,476,504; 30,018 persons were employed in tanneries, with a capital of \$15,650,999; sadderies, and other minufactories of leather, employed a capital of \$15,650,999; sadderies, and other minufactories of leather, employed a capital of \$13,881,962; carriages and wagons employed \$1,994 persons, and produced to the amount of \$10,897,897, with a capital of \$5,551,632; mills of various kinds employed 60,788 persons, and produced to the amount of \$76,545,246, with a capital of \$65,858,470; vessels were built to the amount of \$7,016,094; furniture was made by 18,003 persons, and employed a capital of \$6,989,971. There were 1552 printing-offices, 447 binderies, 138 daily, 195 semi-weekly or tri-weekly, and 1141 weekly newspapers, and 297 periodicals; the whole employing 11,523 persons, and a capital of \$5,874,815. Iron manufactures employed a capital of \$20,433,131, and 30,497 persons; glass manufactures employed 3936 persons, and a capital of \$3,084,100, producing articles to the amount of \$2,890,293. The anthracus coal employed a capital of \$4,355,602, and 3043 persons; bituminous coal, a capital of \$1,868,869, and 3768 persons; and lead, a capital of \$1,346,756, and 1017 persons. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$267,726,579. For a more particular account of the manufactures, see the articles on the respective States.

The whale, cod, mackerel and other fisheries have long been an interest of great national importance. They are carried on chiefly from the New England States, and in New England ships. The whale-fishery is prosecuted in the Atlantic ocean, chiefly south of the line, for the right or black whale; and in the Southern, Indian, and Pacific oceans, for the spermaceti whale. In the year 1841, 600 vessels, of 193,000 tons, were employed in this business; and, in the course of the same year, spermaceti and whale oil was brought home, of the value of about \$7,400,000. Seal oil and furs are also obtained in the Antarctic seas by these adventurous seamen. The fishery is carried on chiefly from the ports of Nantucket and New Bedford, and also, but on a less scale, from New London, Sag Harbour, Warren, Bristol, Hudson, &c. About 16,000 men are engaged in it, and the seamen are paid, not by fixed wages, but by a certain share in the profits of the voyage. Those in the Pacific and Southern oceans are generally absent from two to three years at a time. The cod-fishery is pursued on the banks and coasts of Newfoundland, and on the Labrador coasts. It employs many thousands of tons of small craft, some of which make several trips a year; those on the coast-fisheries generally remain longer. The mackerel-fishery also employs a great amount of shipping. In 1840 the fisheries produced 773,967 quintals of smoked or dried fish, and 472,359½ barrels of pickled fish.

No part of the world presents such an extensive river commerce. Steam-ves-sels, first introduced in America on the Hudson river, ply on all the principal streams; and upwards of 100,000 tons of this species of craft belongs to the United States, almost the whole of which is on the interior waters. The Mississippl and its tributaries, comprising alone an extent of 8000 miles, is traversed by 250 steamboats. Neither the States nor individuals have been slow in improving and extending these natural advantages; and the spirit with which they have undertaken, and the perseverance they have shown in executing the most magnificent plans, have shed a lustre on the American name. The great land-locked bays of the coast have been connected by a chain of canals, affording a safe internal water-route from Narragansett Bay to Albemarle Sound. The eastern and western waters have been united by several channels, which either turn the Alleghanies, or surmount their summits. The waters of the lakes and the Mississippi have been connected at various points, and the obstacles in the navigation of the most important rivers have been overcome by removing the bars or ledges which obstructed their channels, or by side-cuts, locks, and dams. The whole length of this artificial navigation is not less than 4000 miles; all of which, with one or two trifling exceptions, has been executed in the short space of twenty-five years. These great works have already given fresh life to manufactures, and encouraged the establishment of new ones; invigorated, and in many places

created, internal trade; promoted agriculture, which requires a cheap and easy transportation for the bulky articles which it consumes and produces; and developed, in an astonishing degree, the mining industry of the country.

The Americans have equally surpassed all other people in the number and extent of their rail-roads, having, in about fifteen years, constructed 4500 miles of these artificial levels, over which carriages are propelled by locomotive steamengines at the rate of from 20 to 30 miles an hour. Although this contrivance is less adapted than canals to the conveyance of bulky articles, yet it possesses some advantages over that mode of transport, such as that of not being interrupted by ice, and of being suited to certain localities in which artificial water communication would be impracticable.

The people of the United States, from the first settlement of the country, have been very attentive to the cause of popular education, and this cause is continually gaining a stronger hold on the community. It is recommended by all the governors of the States, in their annual messages to their respective Legislatures. Most of the older States have respectable funds devoted to the support of common schools, and, in the new States, the general government have provided funds for the support of schools, by setting apart one 36th section in each township, containing each one square mile, for the purposes of common education. The amount of land already set apart for educational purposes, east of the Mississippi, is computed to amount to 8,000,000 of acres. The same spirit is also extending west of the Mississippi, and has penetrated even to the Indian tribes; and the Choctaw nation has applied \$18,000 per annum out of the moneys which they receive from the United States, to the support of schools. Knowledge and virtue are regarded as the main pillars of the rejublic. In less than twenty years from the landing at the rock of Plymouth, Cambridge College was founded, and numerous similar institutions have been successively established, from that day to this.

The following are among the principal colleges and universities in the country, with the date of their establishment: Cambridge College, now Harvard University, in 1638; Yale College, at New Haven, in 1700; Nassau Hall, or College of New Jersey, at Princeton, in 1746; Brown University, at Providence, in 1764; Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, 1769; the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, in 1739; Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Maine, in 1794; and, among the more recent institutions, the University of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1806; the University of Virginia, at Charlotteeville, in 1819; Amherst College, at Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1821; and many others. Perhaps, if fewer institutions had been chartered, and they had been more liberally endowed, the beneficial results would have been greater, though the number educated would probably have been less.

According to the census of 1840, there were in the United States 173 colleges, or universities, with 16,233 students; 3243 academies, with 164,159 students; 47,209 common and primary schools, with 1,845,244 scholars. In the above enumeration, theological and medical schools, where they are separate from colleges, are ranked among universities and colleges. In the academies, the ancient and modern languages, grammar, history, logic, rhetoric, natural and moral philosophy, &c., are taught. The common schools are extensively provided with libraries, and appropriate apparatus for illustrating the sciences taught in them.

There are 38 theological seminaries, belonging to different denominations, designed to succeed a collegiate course; some of which are connected with colleges. The principal of them are the theological seminary at Andover, Mass., Congregational; the theological seminary at Princeton, Presbyterian; the theological seminary at Auburn, Presbyterian; the theological seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, Protestant Episcopal; the theological institution at Newtown, Massachusetts, Baptist; and the theological departments of Yale College and Harvard University.

There are eight law schools in different parts of the country. The earliest institution of this kind was founded in 1798, by the Hon. Tapping Reevs, and taught afterward by him in connection with the Hon. James Gould, both judges

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There is no established church in the United States, religion being left to the voluntary choice of the people. No sect is favoured by the laws beyond another, it being an essential principle in the National and State governments, that legislation may of right interfere in the concerns of public worship only so far as to protect every individual in the unmolested exercise of that of his choice. Nor is any legislative provision made for the support of religion, except that, in Massachusetts, the Legislature is enjoined to require, and in New Hampshire is empowered to authorize, the several towns and parishes to make adequate provision, at their own expense, for the support of protestant ministers. The same was the case in Connecticut until 1818, when it was abolished by the new constitution. But, in all the other States, the support of religion is left entirely to the voluntary zeal of its professors.

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The numbers of established churches, or congregations, are estimated at over 20,000, and the ministers at about 25,000. The Baptists are the most numerous denomination. The Methodists are reckoned as second in numerical amount; and the Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Universalists and Lutherans, probably rank, in point of numbers, in the order in which they are mentioned. Other sects, respectable in amount of numbers, are the Dutch Reformed, Christians, Unitarians, Friends or Quakers, Moravians, &c. In fact, almost all the sects of Christianity are represented in our country.

To the State governments is committed that branch of legislation which relates to the regulation of local concerns. These bodies make and alter the laws which regard property and private rights, appoint judges and civil officers, impose taxes for State purposes, and exercise all other rights and powers not vested in the federal government by positive enactment. They are, in their composition, very similar to the federal government. The legislature consists always of two branches, both of which are returned by the same electors; and these electors may be said to comprise the whole adult white population, the usual qualifications being citizenship, with one or two years' residence, and payment of taxes.

There are no early enumerations of the population on which much reliance can be placed; but, in 1753, the number was estimated at 1,051,000. A regular decennial census, taken since 1790, gave, at that period, 3,929,827; in 1800, 5,305,925; in 1810, 7,329,814; in 1820, 9,638,131. It is most interesting to consider, as the immensity of unoccupied land leaves full scope for this power of multiplication, how vast the future numbers may be with which this region will be peopled, and which will render it much the greatest state that ever existed in ancient or modern times. It is calculated, upon good grounds, that in a century it will contain 160,000,000; and still, being only half so densely peopled as Britain or Franco, leave ample scope for future increase. The Americans, should they continue united, would then become the greatest nation in the world, and the most powerful States of Europe would rank as secondary to them.

The population, exclusive of the Indians, whose numbers are not comprised in the above statements, consists of three classes—whites, free coloured persons, and slaves—whose relative proportions at six different periods are here given:

			Free coloured.
1790	3,172,464	 697,897	 59,465
1800	4,304,483	 893,041	 108,395
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		1810-1820.	1820-1830.	1830-1840.	
Increase of whole populat	whole population	33.3 per	ct33.4 per	ct30 per ct.	
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Maine	151,719		288,705		298,335		399,955		501,973	
N. H	183,769	8	214,360		244,161		269,328		984,574	. 1
Verm't .	154,465				235,764		280,659		991,948	
Mass	423,245		472,040		523,287		610,408		737,699	
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N. York	586,786		959,949	15,107	1,372,812	10,068	1,918,608		2,428,921	. 4
N. Jer.	211,949			10,851	277,575	7,557	320,823		373,306	674
Penn'a	602,365	1,706		795	1,049,458	211	1,348,238	403	1,724,033	
Del	64,973	6,153			72,749		76,748	3,299	78,085	
Maryl'd	341,548		380,546	111,502	407,350	107,398	447,040	102,994	470,019	
D. of C.	14,093	3,244	24,023	5,395	33,036	6,377	39,834	6,119	43,712	4,694
Virginia	880,200			302,518	1,065,379	495,153	1,211,405	469,757	1,939,797	148,98
N. Car.	478,103		555,500	168,824	638,829	905,017	737,987	247,601	753,419	945,817
S. Car.	345,591	146,151	415,115	196,365	502,741	258,475	581,185	315,401	594,398	
Georgia	162,101	59,404	252,433	105,218	340,987	149,656	516,823	217,531	691,392	280,94
Florida							34,730	15,501	54,477	
Alab'ma	8,850	3,489	40,359	17,088	(127,901	41.879	309,527	117,549	590,756	953,53
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Louis's			76,556	34,660	153,407	69,064	215,739	109,588		
Ten'see	105,602	13,584		44,535	492,813	80,107	681,904	141,603		
Kent'y	920,955	40,343	406,511	80,561	564,317	126,732	687,917	165,213	779,828	
Ohio	45,365		230,760		581,434		937.903		1,519 467	
Indiana	4,875	135	24,520		147,178		343,031		685,866	
Illinois .				168	55,211	917	157,445		476,183	
Missouri							140,455			
Michg'n			4,769				36,629			
Arkan's					14,273	1,617	30,388	4,576	97,574	19,93
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The whole number of aborigines existing within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States, was estimated in 1844 at 335,350; of whom perhaps 50,000 reside in the Oregon territory, west of the Rocky Mountains, and the residue east of that region. Of those on the Atlantic side of the Mississippi river, 85,348 have removed from its eastern to its western bank, and settled in the Western or Indian territory, assigned to them by the government of the United States; and 31,587 are still east of that stream. Of the Indians residing east of the Rocky Mountains and west of the Mississippi, 168,290 are indigenous to that region, nowise under the control of our government: of these, the principal are the Sioux, Pawnees, Camanches, Minatarees, Blackfeet, Crows, Gros Ventres, and Assiniboines. The most humane exertions have constantly been in operation, on the part of the general government, to preserve the race from extinction, by severe provisions to prevent their obtaining ardent spirits, and by unwearied efforts to train them to the arts and agriculture, and to impart to them the blessings of education and Christianity. Under the system adopted by the government, agents and sub-agents, interpreters and mechanics, are employed among the different Indian tribes, to carry these purposes into effect; and the President is authorized to cause the stores of the licensed traders to be searched, and, if ardent spirits are found among the articles for sale, the whole goods are forfeited to the government.

The whole number of Indian schools established among them, partly by charitable associations of the different religious denominations, and partly by pecuniary aid from the government, is 78. The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated in 1844, by the U. S. government, to assist in their maintenance. Of the foregoing schools, 63 were reported in 1844, with 2667 scholars and 100 teachers, including those in the Spencer academy and Fort Coffee academy, in the Choctaw nation; the first of these contained 3 teachers and 110 pupils, and the latter, 1 teacher and 36 pupils. Two of the schools at Fort Leavenworth are manual labour schools, one of which, under the direction of the Methodists, is the largest of all the Indian schools, containing 159 scholars.

The territory of the confederacy is at present divided into twenty-eight States, one Territory, and one Federal District, which contains the seat of government. This does not include the extensive tract assigned to the Indians, called the Western Territory; the region west of the Missouri and north of the Platte; and the residue of the late Iowa Territory, of which the State of Iowa now forms a part; and that west of the Rocky Mountains, in which the white population is yet of small amount, and which has received no political organization. The States are divided, for municipal purposes, into sections, styled counties; except in South Carolina, where they are called districts; and in Louisiana, where they are called parishes. In the States of New England, in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, the counties are subdivided into townships (in some States these are called towns), and in Delaware into hundreds.

THE EASTERN, OR NEW ENGLAND STATES.

NEW ENGLAND comprises the six States situated east of the Hudson, viz., Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The inhabitants are almost exclusively of unmixed English origin, and, though never united as a political whole, they have at different periods been connected for their common interests. From the earliest settlement of their country, they have enjoyed peculiar advantages for literary and religious instruction, and, trained to habits of industry, economy, and enterprise, by the circumstances of their peculiar situation, as well as by the dangers of prolonged wars, they present traits of character which are considered as remarkable abroad, as they are common at home.

The surface of the country is infinitely varied. In the interior it is mountainous, with fertile valleys between. The land along the sea-shore presents in general an irregular surface, consisting of hills and ridges, with flats of moderate extent. The inland portion towards the mountains presents an almost constant suc-

cession of short hills and narrow valleys. There are no extensive plains throughout the whole of New England. Much of the soil is good, yet in general it requires diligent cultivation, and compels the farmer to use great industry to procure tolerable crops; and although it well repays the labour of the husbandman, it is no the whole less fruitful than many other parts of the United States.

it is on the whole less fruitful than many other parts of the United States. Most of the New England States are largely engaged in manufactures. The different establishments of various kinds are too numerous to specify. The cotton factories, in particular, employ a vast number of hands and a great amount of capital. A proof of the result of these great establishments may be found in the fact that twenty-five years ago the chief cottons of the United States were imported from India. New England now sends her manufactured cottons there, and finds the trade profitable. Since the manufacturing system has prevailed, this part of the Union has rapidly increased in population and business.

The New Englanders are extensively engaged in the Bank and whale fisheries. This pursuit employs many thousands of hands, furnishes one of the most important items in this section of the United States, and trains vast numbers of the most experienced and intrepid mariners in the world.

An active commerce, is carried on from the ports of New England with all parts of the world; their ships spread their sails in every sea, and her lumber manufactures and the produce of her fisheries are extensively exported. Almost every village carries on some handicraft, and the farmer often employs the long winter evenings in some gainful task. Thus are produced many little objects which although in appearance of small value, yet in the aggregate constitute a source of considerable wealth to the community, and are produced to such an extent as almost to rival in value the products of the large manufacturing establishments.

From the first settlement of the country, the inhabitants of New England have been a religious people. The entire freedom of opinion enjoyed by them has led to a diversity of religious denominations. In almost every town and village are several places of public worship belonging to the different sects common in the country, among which are Congregationalists, Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Unitarians, &c. It is disreputable for a man to have no religious belief, and there are few who do not give their support to some one mode of religious worship. The sabbath is strictly observed, and the people generally attend public worship twice during the day.

Education is more universal here than in any part of the world. It is exceedingly hard to find persons of mature age who have not been instructed in the common branches of school learning. Institutions of learning and education were established at an early period by the first settlers of New England, some of which at the present day are the most respectable and efficient in the Union. A large part of the distinguished men of the United States have been educated at Harvard and Yale colleges, and though there are many similar institutions in other States, still many students from the south and west are annually taught in the colleges of New England.

The population of New England has been gradually increasing. In 1700 it was about 120,000, and in 1755 was estimated at 345,000, not including the troops at that time in the provinces. The amount in 1820 was 1,669,854; in 1830, 1,954,609; and, in 1840, 2,335,003; of which number 23 were sleves.

STATE OF MAINE.

Maine is the most northern and eastern of the United States. Previous to the year 1820, it formed a part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at which period it was received into the Union as an independent State. Maine is in length from north to south about 216 miles, and from east to west 162; the arcs is differently estimated at from 32,000 to 35,000 square miles. On the sea-coast, the country is generally level; at some distance in the interior, hilly; and in the central parts of the State are many mountains of considerable elevation.

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The principal rivers are the St. Johns, with its branches, the Allagash, Walloostook, and the Aroostook; with the Penobscot, Kennebee, Androscoggin, Saco, Pleasant, Damariscotta, and Union rivers.

The sea-coast of Maine is remarkably indented with bays and inlets, which afford great facilities for navigation and commerce. The principal are Casco, Penobscot, Frenchman's, Englishman's, Machias, and Passamaquoddy Bays.

The lakes are so numerous, that it is estimated one-sixth of the surface of the State consists of water, and indeed they form one of the characteristic features of the country. Some of them are remarkable for their picturesque beauties, and many of them will no doubt be useful mediums of communication when their vicinity is more populous. The most noted are Moosehead, Umbagog, Sebago, the Schoodic Lakes, and Lake Chesuncook.

The soil on the coast is various, and of but moderate fertility: in the interior, most of the land is more productive, and some of it, especially on the Kennebec and Penobscot river, is fertile, and well adapted to agriculture and grazing. One of the most important productions of this State is white-pine timber, which is found chiefly on the Upper Kennebec and Penobscot rivers, and also on the Allagash. As there is no other tract of country yielding this lumber to any considerable extent in the Atlantic States, the lands producing it have lately much advanced in price.

The population in 1790 was 96,540; in 1800, 151,719; in 1810, 228,705; in 1820, 298,335; in 1830, 399,955; and in 1840, 501,793. Of these, 252,989 were white males, and 247,449 white females; 720 were coloured males, and 635 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 101,630; in commerce, 2921; in manufactures and trades, 21,879; in navigating the ocean, 10,091; in the learned profes-

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According to the census of 1840, there were in the State 59,208 horses or mules; 227,255 neat cattle; 649,264 cheep; 117,386 swine. There were produced, 248,166 bushels of wheat; 137,941 of rye; 950,528 of Indian corn; 355,161 of barley; 1,076,409 of oats; 10,392,380 of potatoes; and 601,358 tons of hay. products of the dairy amounted to \$1,496,902, and of lumber to \$1,808,683.

The exports of Maine, for the year ending September 1841, were \$1,078,633, and the imports \$700,961. There were, in 1840, 70 commercial and 14 commission houses in foreign trade, employing a capital of \$1,646,926; 2220 retail dry-goods and other stores, with a capital of \$3,973,593; 2068 persons employed

in the lumber trade, with a capital of \$305,850.

The manufactures of Maine are considerable. Home-made or family manufactures amounted, in 1840, to \$804,397; there were 24 woollen manufactories, which employed 539 individuals, producing goods to the amount of \$412,366, with a capital of \$316,105; 6 cotton manufactories produced goods to the amount of \$970,397, with a capital of \$1,398,000. Flouring, grist, saw and other mills, employed 3630 persons, and produced to the amount of \$3,161,592, with a capital of \$2,900,565. Ships were built to the amount of \$1,884,902; 3610 persons were employed in the fisheries, with a capital of \$526,957. Total amount of capital employed in manufactures, \$7,147,224.

The principal colleges in Maine are Bowdoin, at Brunswick, founded in 1794; Waterville College, at Waterville, founded 1820; Bangor Theological Seminary, at Bangor, founded 1816; Wesleyan Seminary, at Readfield, founded 1822. These institutions had, in 1840, 266 students. There were in the State 86 academies, with 8477 students; 3385 common and primary schools, with 164,477 scholars. There were 3241 persons, over twenty years of age, who could neither

read nor write.

The principal religious denominations are the Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists. The Baptists had, in 1836, 222 churches, 145 ordained ministers, and 15,000 communicants; the Methodists, 115 travelling preachem and 15,493 communicants; the Congregationalists, 161 churches, 119 ministers, and 19,370 communicants. There are also some Free-will Baptists, Friends, Episcopulians, Unitarians, Universalists, and Roman Catholics.

The chief works of internal improvement are the Cumberland and Oxford

Canal, completed in 1899, 201 miles long; Bangor and Orono Railroad, completed in 1836, 10 miles long; the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Rail-road, incorporated in 1837. This work, in connection with the Eastern Rail-road, connects Boston with Portland; it was completed in 1842. Several other lines of rail-roads are contemplated, the most important of which is a rail-road from Ports land to Quebec.

The city of Portland is the largest and most important place in the State. It is beautifully situated on Casco Bay, is well laid out and handsomely built, and has a capacious harbour, which is defended by two forts. Here are six banks, sixteen churches, a court-house, city hall, custom-house, jail, athensum, with a public library containing 5000 volumes. The population, in 1840, was 15,218. The city of Bangor, the most important place on the Penobscot, has trebled its population since 1830; in 1840 it contained 8627 inhabitants. From 300 to 400 million feet of lumber are said to be annually exported from this place.

Augusta, the capital of the State, occupies both sides of the Kennebec river, 50 miles from its mouth: it contains a handsome State-house of granite, and an United States Arsenal. Below Augusta are Hallowell and Gardiner, both flourishing towns; and at the head of ship navigation, and about 15 miles from the sea, is Bath, noted for its ship-building. From Thomaston is exported large quantities of lime, marble, and granite. Some of the other principal towns in Maine, are Eastport, Machias, Calais, Orono, Belfast, Brunswick, Saco, and York.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This State is bounded on the north by Lower Canada; on the east, by Maine and the Atlantic Ocean; south by Massachushetts; and west by Vermont. It is in length, from north to south, about 160 miles; and from east to west, 70 is about the average breadth. It is, in area, 8500 square miles. The sea-coast of this State, from Piscataqua Harbor to the south boundary, is but 18 miles in

The country on the coast is level: in the interior, the surface is greatly diversified by hills and valleys, and contains several mountains of considerable height; among which are the White Mountains, the most elevated of any in the New England States. The other considerable elevations are, Moosehillock, Monadnock, Kearsarge, Sunipee, Ossipee, &c.

The White Mountains are distinguished by the names of Washington, Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Mauison, Monroe, and Pleasant. Mount Washington is 6,428 feet in height. They are covered with snow ten months in the year, and are often seen from a great distance at sea, and frequently before any intermediate land, although they are at least 65 miles in the nearest direction from the coast. The wild and sublime character of their scenery causes them to be annually visited by numerous travellers. The ascent to their summits is attended with considerable fatigue, but has been surmounted in a few instances by ladies. view is rendered uncommonly grand and picturesque by the magnitude of the elevation, the extent and variety of the surrounding scenery, and, above all, by the huge and desolate piles of rocks extending to a great distance in every direction. In the western pass of these mountains, there is a remarkable gap, called the Notch, which is esteemed one of the grandest natural curiosities in the United States. To an admirer of the wonders of nature, the passage through the Notch, and the views from the summit, afford a rich repast. Though inferior to the Andes or the Aips in elevation, yet 'hey display the grandest mountain scenery, sur assing everything of the kind to be seen elsewhere in this country.

The principal rivers of New England have their origin, either wholly or in art, in this State. These are, the Connecticut, Merrimack, Androscoggin, Saco. part, in this State. These are, the Connecticut, Merritian, Allatones, and Lower and Piscataque. The other most considerable streams are, the Upper and Lower and Piscataque. Macalleway, and Nashua. Amonoosuck. Sugar Piver, Ashuelot, Contoocook, Magallaway, and Nashua. The principal lakes are the Winnipiseogee, Umbagog, Ossipee, Sunapee, Squam, and Newfound Lake.

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The inhabitants of New Hampshire are principally engaged in agriculture; the chief products are Indian corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, &c.; and horses and cattle, beef, pork, butter, cheese, &c., are largely exported. There are some large manufacturing establishments, chiefly in the southern part of the State.

The mineral resources of New Hampshire are not great. Copper is found at Franconia, and iron is abundant in Lisbon and Franconia; plumbago or black lead also occurs in several places, particularly at Bristol. A fine-grained granite, which is quarried in many places, affords an excellent building material. The forest affords abundance of excellent timber, and the white pine sometimes attains the height of 200 feet, with a straight trunk six feet and upwards in

About eight miles from the coast are the Isles of Shoals, belonging partly to New Hampshire, and partly to Maine. They lie between Portsmouth and Newburypon, and are hardly more than a cluster of shoals rising above the water. The inhabitants are about 100 in number; they live solely by fishing, and sup-

ply Portsmouth and the neighbouring towns with fresh fish.

The population of New Hampshire, in 1790, was 141,855; in 1800, 183,858; in 1810, 214,460; in 1820, 244,161; in 1830, 269,328; and in 1840, 284,574. those, 139,004 were white males, and 145,032 white females; 248 were contract males, and 290 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 77,949; in commerce, 1379; in manufactures and trades, 17,826; in navigating the ocean, 455; do : 38, rivers and canals, 198; in the learned professions, 1640.

The exports for the year 1841 were \$10,384, and the imports \$73,701.

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In 1840 there were 43,892 horses or mules, 275,562 neat cattle, 617,390 sheep and 121,671 swine. There were produced, 422,124 bushels of wheat; 308,148 of rye; 105,103 of buckwheat; 1,162,572 of Indian corn; 121,899 of barley; 1,296,114 of oats; and 6,206,606 of potatoes; 1,260,517 pounds of wool; 1,162,368 of sugar; and 496,107 tons of hay. The produce of the dairy was \$1,638,543; of lumber, \$433,217.

Home-made or family goods were manufactured to the amount of \$538,303. There were 66 woollen manufactories, 152 fulling-mills, and 58 cotton factories. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$9,252,448.

The principal literary institution of the State is Dartmouth College, in Hanover, founded in 1770; to which is attached a flourishing medical department. The Gilmanton Theological Seminary was founded in 1835, under the direction of the Congregationalists. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 433 students. There were in the State 68 academies, with 5799 students; 2127 common and primary schools, with 82,632 scholars. There were 942 white persons, over twenty years of age, who could neither read nor write.

The principal religious denominations are the Congregationalists, Baptists, and Methodists. In 1836, the Congregationalists had 159 churches, 142 ministers, and 18,992 communicants; the Baptists had 90 churches, 64 ordained ministers, and 6505 communicants; the Free-will Baptists had 100 congregations, and 81 ministers; the Methodists had 75 ministers. Besides these, there are Presbyterians, Unitarians, Episcopalians, Universalists, and some Roman Catholics, with

two societies of Shakers.

Portsmouth, the only sea-port, and the largest town in the State, is pleasantly situated on the Piscataqua, three miles from the sea. It has one of the finest harbours in the world, affording 40 feet of water in the channel at low tide, and being easily accessible to vessels of the largest size, and completely landlocked. It is protected by several forts. The tide rises ten feet. The town stands on a peninsular elevation, sloping towards the harbour, and is well built. It contains seven churches, seven banks, the county buildings, &c., and is well supplied with good water brought from the neighbourhood. Two wooden bridges have been built across the Piscataqua, one of which is 1750 feet long. There is here a navy-yard belonging to the United States, situated on Navy Island, on the east side of the river, but within the limits of Maine. Population in 1840, 7887; beiog 195 less than in 1830.

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Concord, the capital of the State, on the west side of the Merrimack river, is handsomely built on two principal streets; has the State-house and State prison of granite, besides banks, churches, hotels, &c.; population, 4897. In the southeast part of the State, are several towns largely engaged in manufactures; these are, Dover, Somersworth, Newmarket and Exeter; the latter, besides its mills and manufactures, contains Phillip's Academy, a well-known and respectable seminary. These are all on navigable rivers, furnishing fine mill-seats, and constant communication with the sea. Nashua, near the south line of the State, contains several large cotton-mills; population in 1840, 6054. Hanover and Haverhill are towns of between 2000 and 3000 inhabitants each. Amherst and Keene are neat and thriving towns between the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers. Manchester, on the former, is a manufacturing town, with 3235 inhabitants.

STATE OF VERMONT.

VERMONT is bounded N. by Lower Canada; E. by New Hampshire; S. by Massachusetts; W. by New York; from which it is separated, in part, by Lake Champlain. It is 157 miles in length, from north to south; 90 miles in breadth on the northern, and 40 on the southern boundary; and contains an area of 10,212 square miles, or 6,535,680 acres.

The Green Mountains, from which the State derives its name, on account of the evergreens with which they are covered, occupy a large part of the State; and most of its surface is uneven. The range passes through its whole length,

about half-way between Lake Champlain and the Connecticut river.

From these mountains, many streams take their rise: the most important are, Otter creek, Onion river, La Moile, and Missisque, which erapty into Lake Champlain, on the west; the White, Pasumpsic, and West rivers, which flow into the Connecticut, on the east.

The scenery of this State is romantic and beautiful, the air pure and healthful,

and the natives industrious, intelligent and hospitable.

The soil is fertile, and all sorts of grain suited to the climate are produced in great abundance. Dark, rich, and loamy, it is admirably calculated to sustain drought, and affords the finest pasturage of any State in the Union. Wool is becoming an important product here. Cattle of various kinds are raised, with great facility; and nowhere is finer beef to be seen, than is fed on the rich white clover pastures of Vermont. The butter and cheese are universally known for their excellence.

Vermont is entirely in the interior; yet, by the system of internal improvements, the Champlain Canal, and the Lake, vessels and steamboats have brought her territory almost in contiguity with the sea. Part of the trade goes by canal to Albany, and part down the lake to Mortreal: much of that which formerly went to Boston and Hartford, is now drawn by the Champlain Canal to New York.

This canal has been of incalculable advantage to the State.

The population of Vermont in 1790 was 85,589; in 1800, 154,465; in 1810, 217,895; in 1820, 235,764; in 1830, 280,679; in 1840, 291,948. Of these, 146,378 were white males; 144,840, do. females; 364 were coloured males; 366, do. females. Employed in agriculture, 73,150; in commerce, 1303; in manufactures and trades, 13,174; in mining, 77; in navigating the ocean, 41; do. lakes, rivers and canals, 146; in the learned professions, 1563.

In 1840 there were in the State, 60,402 horses and mules; 384,341 neat cattle; 1,681,819 sheep; 203,800 swine. There were produced, 495,800 bushels of wheat; 1,119,678 of Indian corn; 230,993 of rye; 54,781 of barley; 288,416 of buckwheat; 9,292,548 of cate; 8,869,751 of potatoes; 3,699,235 pounds of wool; 4,647,934 of sugar; 836,739 tone of hay. The products of the dairy amounted to \$2,008,737; of the orchard, to \$213,944; of lumber, to \$349,939.

The exports of this State, for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1841, were \$977,987, and the imports were 246,739; the tonnage entered was 13,560, and the tonnage

cleared of the same amount.

Vermont is an agricultural, rather than a commercial and manufacturing State.

There were, in 1840, 747 retail stores, with a capital of \$2.964,060; the lumber trade employed a capital of \$45,506; home-made or family goods were produced to the amount of \$674,548; 95 woollen factories and 239 fulling-mills produced articles to the amount of \$1,331,953, with a capital of \$1,406,950; 7 cotton factories, with a capital of \$118,000, produced articles to the amount of \$113,000. The wind amount of capital employed in manufactures in the State, was \$4,336,440.

There are three colleges in Vermont. The University of Vermont, at Burlington, was founded in 1791; Middlebury College, at Middlebury, was founded in 1800; Norwich University was founded in 1834. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 233 students. There were in the State 46 academies, with 4113 students, and 2402 common and primary schools, with 82,117 scholars. There were in the State 2270 white persons, over twenty years of age, who could neither

read nor write.

The principal religious denominations are the Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodists. In 1836, the Congregationalists had 186 churches, 114 ministers, and 20,575 communicants; the Baptists had 125 churches, 78 ministers, and 10,525 communicants; the Methodists had 75 itinerant preachers; the Episcopalians had one bishop, and 18 ministers. Besides these, there is a considerable number of Universalists and Christians, and a few Unitarians and Roman Catholics.

There are 19 banks in the State, with an aggregate capital of \$1,325,530, and a circulation of \$1,966,812. Vermont has a State debt of about \$250,000, about one-half of which was contracted in the building of the new State-house.

The capital of the State is the little town of Montpelier, situated in a wild and rugged region, at the junction of the north and south branches of the Onion river. Here is a handsome State-house of granite, recently erected, together with the public buildings of the county. The population of the town is 3725. West of the mountains are several flourishing towns, which enjoy the advantage of an easy communication with Lake Champlain, and, through it, with the Hudson and St. Lawrence. St. Albans is a neatly built town, on a small bay, with an active and increasing trade, and containing 700 inhabitants. Further south is Burlington, the largest town in the State, and the principal commercial place on the lake. It is pleasantly situated on a gently rising slope, overlooking the lake, and it has an excellent harbour. Here are the county buildings, and the University of Vermont; and at the falls of the Onion river there are some manufactories. The population is 4271. The city of Vergennes, with 1017 inhabitants, is accessible to lake vessels; and the American squadron on the lake was fitted out here in 1814. The falls in the river afford some good mill-seats. Above Vergennes is Middlebury, which contains some mills, and a college. Marble of a good quality is quarried here. Population, 3162. Higher up the river is Rutland, containing quarries of marble, several manufacturing establishments, and the public buildings of the county, with 2708 inhabitants. On the same side of the mountains, but farther south, is Bennington, near which are found limestone, marble, and iron. Here are some mills and iron-works. Population, 3429. This place is noted for the victory gained in 1777 by General Stark.

Crossing the mountains, and entering the rich valley of the Connecticut, we find a number of thriving towns and neat villages, lining its fertile meadows. By means of several short canals, boats are enabled to ascend the river above Newbury; the principal of these cuts is at Bellows' Falls, where a fall of fifty feet is overcome by nine locks, and an excavation of half a mile in length. Brattleboro' is a busy place of 2624 inhabitants, and containing some manufactories. Windsor is a neat town in a picturesque situation, with the lofty peaks of Ascutney Mountain towering above it. A small stream which runs through the town, serves to carry the machinery of several manufacturing establishments; and there is a State prison built of granite, and conducted on the Auburn plan. Population, 2744. At the little village of Bellows' Falls, the river is suddenly contracted from 300 to 16 or 20 feet wide, and rushes with great impetuosity through a narrow chasm ent in the solid rock, having a fall of nearly fifty feet in a half of a mile.

Woodstock, with 3315 inhabitants, lies a little off from the river; and higher up, but on the Connecticut, is Norwich: civil angineering and other practical sciences receive particular attention in the institutes were, styled the Norwich University. Population, 9918.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

This State is bounded north by Vermont and New Hampshire; east by the Atlantic Ocean; south by Rhode Island and Connecticut; and west by New York. The average exient, from north to south, is 70 miles, and from east to west 140; area, 8500 square miles. The Green Mountains range through the central parts of the State, from north to south. These mountains, in their whole extent, abound in noble elevations, dark green forests, pleasant and sheltered valleys, and an infinite variety of impressive scenery. The highest peaks are Saddle Mt., Taghkonic, Mt. Tom, Mt. Holyoke, &c.

Massachusetts has no large rivers wholly within her bounds. The Merrimack

passes out of New Hampshire into the northern division of the State, emptying into the sea at Newbaryport. The Connecticut, in traversing it from north to south, nearly hisects the State. The Housatonic, Charles and Ipswich, Neponset and Taunton, though they have short courses, are pleasant streams. The deep bay, between Cape Ann and Cape Cod, which has given name to the State, has caused it to be known in the other States by the name of the Bay State. Cape Ann bounds it on the north, and Cape Cod on the south.

Agriculture receives here great attention, and is conducted with a superior degree of skill and intelligence. Massachusetts is no doubt the best cultivated State in the Union. Both the Legislature and agricultural societies have made great efforts to encourage a skilful and thrifty husbandry, and to introduce the best foreign breeds of sheep and cattle. Commerce, manufactures, and the fish-

eries, are, however, the great objects of pursuit.

The population of the State of Massachusetts, in 1790, was 388,727; in 1900, 492,845; in 1810, 472,040; in 1820, 523,287; in 1830, 610,408; in 1840, 737,699. Of these, 360,679 were white males, and 368,351 white females; 4654 were coloured males, and 4015 coloured females. Employed to agriculture, 87,837; in commerce, 8063; in manufactures and trades, 85,176 in mavigating the ocean, 27,153; do. rivers and canals, 379; in mining, 499; in the learned professions, 3804.

In 1840, there were in the State, 61,484 horses or mules; 289,574 nest cattle; 378,326 sheep; 143,321 swine. There were produced, 157,923 bushels of wheat; 536,014 of rye; 1,809,192 of Indian corn; 87,000 of buckwheat: 165,319 of barley; 1,319,680 of cats; 5,385,652 of potatoes; and 569,395 tons of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$2,373,399; of the orchard, \$389,177.

Massachusetts is extensively engaged in the fisheries. There were produced, in 1840, 389,715 quintals of dried or smoked fish; 104,755 barrels of pickled fish; 3,630,972 gallons of spermacett oil; 3,364,725 gallons of whale, or other fish oil. In its shipping Massachusetts is the second State in the Union, being inferior only to New York.

The exports in 1840 amounted to \$10,186,261, and the imports to \$16,513,858. There were 241 commercial and 123 commission houses engaged in foreign trade, with a capital of \$13,881,517; 3625 retail dry goods and other a ca, with a capital of \$12,705,088; the lumber trade employed a capital of \$1,022,360; the fisheries employed a capital of \$11,725,850.

The manufactures of Massachusetts are equally distinguished with its commercs. Home-made or family goods were produced to the amount of \$231,942; 27 fulling-mills and 144 woollen manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$7,082,898, employing a capital of \$4,179,850; 278 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$16,553,493, and employed a capital of \$17,414,099; 1532 saddleries and other manufactories of leather produced the sto the amount of \$10,553,896, employing a capital of \$3,318,544; flouring and and saw-mills

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ployed in manufactures was \$41,774,446.

Various works of internal improvement have been executed, which afford great convenience and facility to travelling and transportation. They are, the Middlesex Canal, which extends from Boston to the Merrimack river, 96 miles; the Blackstone Canal, from Worcester to Providence, R. I., 45 miles; and the Hampden and Hampshire Canal, 90 miles in length, which is a continuation of the Farmington Canal, from the Connecticut north boundary to North-

The following rail-roads have been constructed, vis. : from Quincy to Neponset river, 3 miles; the first work of the kind in the United States. From Boston to Lowell, 96 miles, with a continuation through Nashua to Concord, N.H.; a branch of this line from Wilmington is carried, through Andover and Exeter, to North Berwick, Me., 60 miles. From Boston to Providence, 42 miles, and thence to Stonington, Ct.; a branch line extends from Manefield, through Taunton, to New Bedford, 33 miles. From Boston to Worcester, 43 miles; then commences the Western Rail-road, through Springfield to the west boundary of the State, where it connects with Albany, Hudson and Troy, by roads lately finished. From Worcester to Norwich, Ct., 59 miles. The Eastern Rail-road, through Salem and Portsmouth, to Portland, Me., 104 miles. The Fitchburg Rail-road, leading through Concord, is in progress. A rail-road from Springfield to Hartford, 96 miles, is on the point of being completed.

Massachusetts has three colleges, and two theological seminaries. Harvard University, at Cambridge, is the oldest and best endowed seminary in the country, having been founded in 1638, about eighteen years after the first landing on the rock of Plymouth; Williams College, at Williamstown, in the north-west corner of the State, was founded in 1793, and is flourishing: Amherst College, at Amberst, was founded in 1821, and has had an unexampled growth, ranking with the first colleges in New England. The theological seminary at Andover, under the direction of the Congregation lists, has been munificently endowed by a few individuals, and is one of the oldest and most respectable of the kind in the United States. It was opened for students in the autumn of 1808. The Baptists have a flourishing theological institution at Newtown, founded in 1825. All these institutions had, in 1840, 769 students. There were 251 academies and grammar schools in the State, with 16,746 students; and 3369 common and primary schools, with 160,957 scholars. There were 4448 white persons, over twenty rears of age, who could neither read nor write. These, as in most cases in the States, were principally made up of foreign immigrants.

The principal religious denominations are Congregationalists, Unitarians, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, and Universalists. In 1836, the Orthodox Conpregationalists had about 393 churches, 291 ministers, and 46,950 communicants Unitarians had about 120 ministers; the Baptists had 129 churches, 160 ministers, and 20,200 communicants; the Methodists had 87 ministers; the Episcopalians had one bishop, and 37 ministers; the Universalists had 100 congregations, and 44 ministers; the Friends had 18 societies; the Roman Catholics had one bishop, and 11 ministers. Besides these, there are a few Presbyterians, Christians, Swedenborgian or New Jerusalem, and Shakers.

Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, and the principal city of New England, Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, and the principal city of New England, is pleasantly situated upon a small hilly peninsula on Boston Bay, with a safe and commodious harbour, deep enough to admit the largest vessels, capable of containing 500 ships at once, and so completely landlocked as to be perfectly secure. Several forts, erected on these islands, command the approaches to the city. Beside the main peninsula, the city comprises another peninsula, called South Boston, connected with the former by two free bridges; and the island of East Boston, with which communication is kept up by steam ferry-boats. Four wooden bridges also connect the city with Charlestown and Cambridge; a solid causeway of earth unites it to Brookline; and a narrow neck of land, which has been raised and widened by artificial constructions, joins it to Roxbury.

The population, in 1800, was 24,937; in 1820, 43,298; in 1830, 64,399; and in 1840, 93,383; but, if the adjacent towns are included, which in fact form so many suburbs of the city, the population exceeds 120,000. The State-house, fronting a fine park of 75 acres, called the Common, and standing on the most elevated part of the city; the market-house, a handsome granite edifice, two stories high, 536 feet by 50; the court-house, which is also of granite, 176 feet long, 57 high, 54 wide; the city hall, or old State-he and F neull Hall, more interesting from historical associations than from merits; and the Massachusetts General Hospital, a handsome itectural ilding, 168 feet in length; the Institution for the Blind, in which are the Boston Atheneum, which has a library of 30,000 vo gallery; the Medical School of Harvard University; the E public the Houses of Industry, Reformation, and Correction, are to buildings that deserve mention.

The bridges and wharves are remarkable for their great length. The Canal bridge is 2800 feet long; the West Boston bridge, 2760 feet; and some of the others exceed 1500 feet. The wharves have been constructed in a somewhat aimilar manner. Central wharf, 1380 feet long, by 150 wide, contains 54 large warehouses, four stories high. Long wharf, 1800 long, by 200 in width, has 76 warehouses, equally spacious. Commercial wharf is 1100 feet, by 160, with a

range of 34 granite warehouses. As a commercial city, Boston is the second in the Union, in amount of business. In 1840, the shipping belonging to the port amounted to 220,243 tons; value of imports, \$16,000,000; exports, \$10,000,000. Banking institutions, 25, with an aggregate capital of \$17,900,000; insurance companies, 25, with a capital of \$6,000,000; 36 newspapers, 12 of which are published daily. This city has ever been distinguished for its attention to education. The free schools are, the Latin School, the High School, nine grammar and writing schools, 57 primary schools, and one African school for blacks. There are also numerous private schools for children of both sexes. Boston has 106 literary and charitable socie-The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Historical Society, and the Natural History Society, are among the learned societies. There are 75 churches, 2 theatres, an Odeon, &c.

Charlestown, which is connected with Boston by three bridges, stands on a lofty peninsula, the centre of which is occupied by Bunker Hill. Though irregularly built, it commands many fine views of the harbour and the surrounding country. The Bunker Hill Monument is an obelisk of granite, rising to the height of 220 feet from its base, which is 50 feet square. The United States' Dockyard, comprising a number of store-houses, arsenals, magazines, barracks, and slips, with a graving or dry-dock, built at a cost of \$677,000, covers an extent of about sixty acres. The population of the town is 11,484. Adjoining Charlestown is Cambridge, the seat of Harvard University, with 8,409 inhabitants. At

Watertown, adjoining Cambridge, there is an United States' Arsenal.

To the south-west is the little town of Brighton, noted for its cattle market, in which, in 1840, the sales of cattle, calves, sheep, and swine, amounted to almost \$2,500,000. Lynn is a neat and thriving town, whose inhabitants, beside making 2,500,000 pair of shoes annually, carry on the cod and whale fisheries. Population in 1840, 9367. A long beach of smooth, hard sand, terminates in the rocky little peninsula of Nahant, a favourite watering-place of the neighbouring towns. Marblehead, long the principal seat of the cod fishery, has of late turned its attention partly to mechanical industry, particularly to shoemaking, which occupies the winter leisure of many of its hardy fishermen. 100 sail of small vessels are employed in the fishing, coasting, and foreign trade. Population, 5575.

The city of Salem, with 15,082 inhabitants, is noted for the commercial enterprise and industrious spirit of its citizens. It was long largely engaged in the East India and China trade, and its coasting and foreign trade is still considerable; but it labours under the disadvantage of not having a sufficient depth of water for the largest vessels. The inhabitants have lately engaged in the whale

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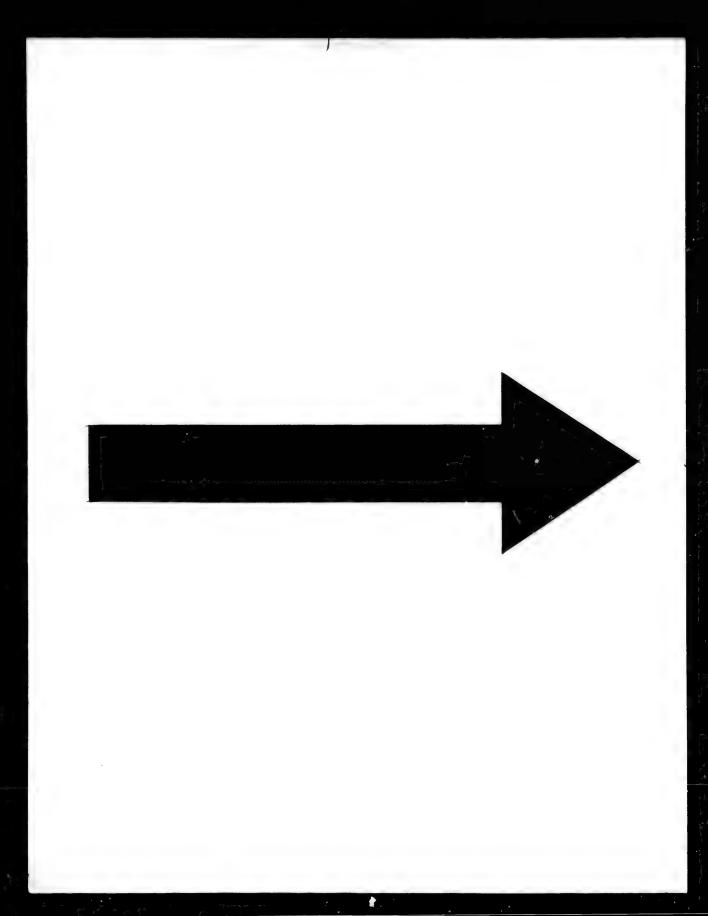
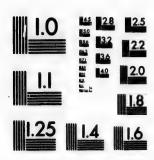


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fishery, in which they employ 13 ships; the whole shipping of the port amounts to 37,091 tons. The city is neatly built, and it contains an atheneum, a marine museum, a valuable collection of natural and artificial curiosities, belonging to the East India Marine Society; which is composed wholly of nautical men; 8 banking institutions, with an aggregate capital of \$9,350,000; 3 insurance companies, with a capital of \$570,000; 18 churches, and several charitable institutions. The manufactures are also considerable. Beverly, connected with Salem by a bridge 1500 feet in length, has 4689 inhabitants, chiefly occupied in commerce and the fisheries; and Danvers is a busy town, with a population of 5020, containing 21 tanneries, a rolling and clitting mill, &c. Cape Anne, the north point of Massachusetts Bay, is occupied by the fishing-town of Gloucester: tornage owned here, 17,072; population, 6350. A few miles north of the cape is nage owned here, 17,072; population, 6366. A few miles north of the cape is the handsome town of Newburyport, situated at the mouth of the Merrimack. Its foreign commerce was formerly more extensive than it is at present, but its trade is still important; and the whale, mackerel and cod fisheries are also carried on

from this place: somnage, 23,965. Population, 6716.

The south point of the great bay from which the State takes its name, is Cape Cod, a long irregular peninsula, of 75 miles in length, by from 5 to 20 in breadth. It consists chiefly of hills of white sand, mostly destitute of vegetation. The houses are in some places built upon takes driven into the ground, with open spaces between, for the sand to drift through. The cape, notwithstanding, is well inhabited, and supports a large population, the majority of which subsists by the fisheries and the coasting-trade. South of Cape Cod is the island of Nantucket, containing the town of the same name, with 9012 inhabitants, all crowded together along the party which lies on the newthern side. ther close upon the harbour, which lies on the northern side. The island is merely a sand-bank, 15 miles in length, by about 5 or 6 in breadth, slightly elevated above the ocean. There are, however, some productive spots; and about 7000 sheep and 500 cows are raised, which feed in one pasture, the land being held in common. The inhabitants are distinguished for their enterprise. They have about 75 ships engaged in the whale-fishery, and a considerable number of small vessels in the coasting-trade; 34,349 tons of shipping are owned here, and 2000 men and boys belonging to the island are employed in navigation. Martha's Vineyard is somewhat longer than Nantucket and contains considerable woodland. The inhabitants are mostly pilots and fishermen; but some salt and woollen cloth are made. Holmes Hole, a safe and capacious harbour on the northern coast, is an important station for ships waiting for favourable weather to pass Cape Cod.

Fifty-seven miles south of Boston, and situated on Buzzard's Bay, is New Bedford, the great seat of the whale-fishery. It is a handsomely built town, and has a safe and capacious harbour. The population, in 1840, amounted to 12,087. The shipping of the district, which includes several other towns on the bay, is 89,080 tons; nearly the whole of this is employed in the whale-fishery; and in 1841, 54,860 barrels of sperm and 49,555 of whale oil were brought in here. Capital employed in the fisheries, \$4,512,000. There are 4 banks, with a capital of \$1,300,000; 3 insurance offices, 14 churches, an academy, &c. A rail-road, 24 miles long, connects this place with Taunton.

Lowell is the greatest manufacturing town in the United States, and may be considered the Manchester of America. It was commenced in 1813, but its principal increase dates from 1829; it now contains 25,000 inhabitants. In 1844, the capital employed in its various manufactures amounted to \$10,850,000. Its cotton and woollen factories alone give employment to near 9000 operatives, the greater part of whom are females. About 24,000,000 pounds of cotton are expended annually in the production of 76,000,000 yards of cloth. The average amount of wages paid per month is \$138,600. The supply of water-power from the Merrimack is convenient and unfailing. Lowell also contains powder-mills, fiannel-works, grist and saw-mills, glass-works, &c. no di pi 20 cz en fo pi in tu

Among the other places noted for manufactures are Fall River village, near the mouth of Tannton river; this town was almost wholly destroyed by fire on the 2d of July, 1843, but was almost immediately rebuilt; the loss was estimated at

\$700,000. Taunton, on the river of the same name, and 39 miles south-west from Boston; Worcester, west from Boston; Springfield and Northampton, both on Connecticut river, the former on its eastern, and the latter on its western side; Pittsfield in the western, and Adams in the north-western, part of the State,

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Rhope Island is bounded north and east by Massachusetts, south by the Atlantic Ocean, and west by Connecticut. Its extent, from north to south, is about 48 miles, and from east to west, 42; area, 1500 square miles. The face of the country is mostly level, except in the north-west, part of which is hilly and rocky. The soil is generally better adapted to grazing than tillage. A large proportion of the north-western and western part of the State has a thin and lean soil, but the islands and country bordering on Narragansett Bay are of great fertility, and are celebrated for their fine cattle, and the abundance and excellence of their butter and cheese. The products are corn, ree, barley, cats, and some wheat.

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The island of Rhode Island is celebrated for its beautiful, cultivated appearance, abounding in smooth swells, and being divided with great uniformity into well-tilled fields. The climate much resembles that of Massachusetts and Connecticut in its salubrity: the parts of the State adjacent to the sea are favoured with refreshing breezes in summer, and its winter is the most mild of any of the

New England States.

The rivers are small, with courses of not more than fifty or sixty miles, and discharging an inconsiderable quantity of water; but as they descend from two hundred to four hundred and fifty feet, and are steady in their supply of water, they furnish a great number of valuable mill-seats; and they have been extensively applied to manufacturing purposes. The Pawtucket, Pawtuxet, and Paw-

catuck, are the principal streams.

The population of Rhode Island, in 1790, was 58,925; in 1800, 69,133; in 1810, 76,931; in 1820, 83,059; in 1830, 97,212; in 1840, 108,830. Of these 51,362 were white males; 54,925 white females; 1413 were coloured males; 1825 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 16,617; in commerce, 1348; in manufactures and trades, 21,271; in navigating the ocean, 1717; in the learned professions, 457. It is the only State in the Union in which the number employed in manufactures and trades exceeds those employed in agriculture.

There were in the State, in 1840, 8024 horses and mules; 36,391 neat cattle; 90,146 sheep; 30,659 swine. There were produced 3098 bushels of wheat; 34,521 of rye; 450,498 of Indian corn; 2979 of buckwheat; 66,490 of barley; 171,517 of oats; 911,973 of potatoes; 183,830 pounds of wool.

The exports for the year ending September 30th, 1841, was \$278,465; and the imports were \$339,592. The tonnage entered was \$25,195 tons, and the tonnage cleared was \$1,698 tons.

The manufactures of this State, small as it is, are deserving of particular notice. According to the census of 1840, home-made or family goods were produced to the amount of \$57,180; 41 woollen factories, with 45 fulling-mills, produced goods to the amount of \$849,172, employing a capital of \$685,350; 299 cotton factories produced goods to the amount of \$7,116,799,—employing a capital of \$7,360,000; various mills produced articles to the amount of \$83,683, employing a capital of \$152,310; vessels were built to the amount of \$41,500; four distilleries produced \$85,000 gallons of distilled spirits, and 3 breweries produced \$9,600 gallons of heer, with a capital of \$139,000; capital employed in the fisheries, \$1,077,157. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$10,696,136.

Brown University, at Providence, founded at Warwick, in 1764, and permanently located at Providence, in 1770, is the only college in the State, and is a flourishing institution. The president and majority of the trustees are required to be of the Baptist denomination. The common schools of this State, formerly less attended to than in the other New England States, have latterly received

much attention, and are improving. In 1843, there was expended for instruction in the State, \$42,944. The State has a permanent school-fund amounting to over \$50,000. The sum of \$35,000 annually is paid from the State treasury to the school committees of the several towns, for the support of the public schools. In 1840, there were in Brown University, and in a High-School, which shools of the nature of a college, 324 students. There were 52 academies or grammarschools, with 3664 students; 434 common and primary schools, with 17,355 scholars

The principal religious denominations are Baptists, Congregationalists, Epic-

copalitine, and Methodists,
Until recently, the only Constitution of this State was the Charter granted by Charles II., in 1663. Several attempts have been made within the last 20 years to form a Constitution more suitable to the spirit of the age, all of which failed until November, 1842, when, after a display of much party rancour, a new Constitution was adopted by a majority of the legal voters.

The principal city of Rhode Island is Providence, the second in New England

in point of population, wealth, and commerce. It is situated at the head of Narraganaett Bay, and is accessible to the largest merchant-vessels: it carries on an active coasting and foreign trade. The population of the city increased from 16,833 in 1830, to 23,171 in 1840. Here are 15 banks with a capital of about \$5,000,000; also a number of cotton-mills, bleacheries, dye-houses, machineshops, iron-founderies, &c. Among the public buildings are the State House, the Halls of Brown University, the arcade, a handsome granite edifice, 17 churches, &c. Steam-boats, of the largest and finest class, keep up a daily communication with New York, during the greater part of the year; the Blackstone canal, and Boston and Providence rail-road, terminate here; the latter is continued to Stonington, in Connecticut. Pawtucket River, above Providence, is the seat of extensive manufactures. North Providence, on the Massachusetts border catalogue of Bayttacket connection the manufactures. der, contains the manufacturing village of Pawtucket, opposite which is the town of Pawtucket in that State. The whole manufacturing district is also commonly called Pawtucket, and it contains a number of cotton-mills, heside machine-shops, calico-printing works, iron-works, &c. There is a population of about 8000 souls on both sides of the river. Above this the Pawtucket takes the name of the Blackstone, and furnishes mill-seats which have created the village of Woonsocket Falls, also situated on both sides of the riv of Smithfield and Cumberland. There are also manufacturized blishments in other parts of Smithfield. Warwick, on the Pawtuxet R.v. and Narragansett Bay, is a manufacturing and fishing town, with 6726 inhabitants.

Bristol, on the eastern shore of the bay, is a busy town, with 3490 inhabitants.

actively engaged in the foreign and coasting trade and whale fishery. Nearly at the south end of the island of Rhode Island is Newport, once one of the principal towns in the colonies, and still a favourite summer resort, on account of its pleasant situation, the refreshing coolness of the sea-breezes, and its advantages for sea-bathing. The harbour is one of the finest in the world, being safe, capacious, and easy of access, and is defended by an important work called Fort Adams; but trade has mostly deserted the town, and now centres chiefly in Providence. Population, 8321. Prudence and Conanicut Islands in the Bay, and Block Island, at the entrance of Long Island Sound, belong to this State. The latter is destitute of a harbour; the inhabitants, 1069 in number, are chiefly fishT

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

This State is bounded on the north by Massachusetts, south by Long Island Sound, east by Rhode Island, and west by New York. It is 90 miles in length, 70 miles in breadth, and contains 4764 square miles. The principal rivers are, the Connecticut, Housatonic, Thames, Farmington, and Naugatuck. The face of the country is generally hilly, and, in the north-western parts, mountainous. The soil is good, and the industrious inhabitants have not neglected its cultivation. The galley of Connecticut River, from Middletown to the northern boundary of the State, is a luxuriant meadow, chequered by patches of wheat corn, and other grain. Some other parts of the State are well cultivated and fruitful; and some portions are beautiful, as well from the gifts of nature as the improve-

The chief productions are Indian corn, rye, wheat, in many parts, outs, harley, buckwheat, flax in large quantities, &c. Orchards are numerous, and cider is made for exportation. The State is, however, generally better adapted to grasing than tillage, and its fine meadows and pastures enable the farmer to feed grast numbers of neat cattle, horses, and sheep. The quantity of butter and choose,

annually made, is great, and of well-known excellence.

The while and other fisheries are carried on from several of the ports in this State; and there are valuable shad fisheries on the larger rivers.

The population, in 1790, was 373,946; in 1800, 951,002; in 1810, 961,943; in 1820, 275,248; in 1830, 291,711; in 1840, 300,015. Of these, 148,300 were white males; 153,556 white females; 3881 were free coloured males; 4912 free coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 56,995; in commerce, 2743; in manufactures and trades, 27,939; in navigating the ocean, 9700; do. rivers and canals, 431; in the learned professions and engineers, 1697.

According to the census of 1840, there were in the State, 34,650 bornes and mules; 238,650 neat cattle; 403,467 sheep; 131,961 swine. There were produced 87,009 bushels of wheat; 737,424 of rye; 33,759 of barley; 1,500,441 of Indian corn; 303,043 of buckwheat; 1,463,263 of cate; 3,414,236 of potatoes; 889,870 pounds of wool; 471,657 of tobacco; 426,704 tons of key; 17,538 pounds of silk cocoons. The products of the dairy amounted to \$1,376,534, and of the orchard to \$296,232; the value of lumber was \$147,841; and \$666 gallons of wine were made.

The exports of this State, in 1840, amounted to \$518,210; and the imports to

\$227,072. Capital employed in the fisheries, \$1,301,640.

The manufactures of Connecticut are still more extensive than its commerce. Home-made or family manufactures amounted, in 1840, to 8926,169; there were 119 woollen manufactories, producing articles to the amount of \$2,494,313, employing a capital of \$1,931,335; 116 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$2,715,964, and employed a capital of \$3,162,000; 408 saddle, shoe, and other leather manufactories, produced articles to the amount of \$2,017,931, employing a capital of \$829,267; vessels were built to the amount of \$428,900. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures in the State was \$13, 669,139

This State has 3 colleges. Yale College, at New Haven, founded in 1791, is one of the oldest colleges in the United States. Washington College, at Hartford, is under the direction of the Episcopalians, founded in 1826. The Wesleyan University, founded in 1831, is under the direction of the Methodists. In 1840, the three colleges had 700 students, more than two-thirds of whom were in Yale College; there were 127 academies and grammar-schools, with 4685 students. The best endowed of these are Bacon Academy, at Colchester, and the Episcopal Academy, at Cheshirs. There were 1619 common and primary schools, with 65,739 scholars; 526 persons, over 20 years of age, could neither read nor write; the least number in proportion to its inhabitants in any State in the Union. This State has the largest school-fund in proportion to its population of any State in the Union; it amounted, in 1842, to \$2,044,354.

The principal religious denominations are the Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, with a few Roman Catholies, Universalists, and Unitarians. In 1836, the Congregationalists trad 232 churches, 271 ministers, and 29,579 communicants; the Baptists had 92 churches, 77 ministers, and 10,039 communicants; the Methodists had 73 ministers; the Episcopalisms had one

bishop and 63 ministers.

The chief works of internal improvement in Connecticut are, the Farmington canal, extending from New Haven to Northampton, Mass., 78 miles; the rail-road from Stonington to Providence, 45 miles, chiefly in Rhode Island; this work connects with the Long Island rail-road at Greenport, by a steam ferry of 24

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miles. The Norwich and Worcester, 59 miles. The New Haven and Hartford, 36 miles; now extended to Springfield, Mass. The Housatonic, from Bridgeport to West Stockbridge, Mass., 96 miles. The three last connect with the great rail-road system leading from Boston to Buffalo.

New Haven, a semi-capital of the State, is situated on a bay of the same name. The harbour is eafe and apacious, but it is shallow and gradually filling up. The city is regularly laid out and neatly built: many of the houses have fine gardens; some of the principal streets are bordered by rows of shade trees, and the principal square is finely ornamented in the same manner. Among the public buildings are the State-house, the public buildings are the State-house, the State-house

Hartford, also a semi-capital of the State, is built on the west bank of Connecticut river. It stands in a fertile district, abounding in neat villages, which eaply the advantages of numerous mill-seats and easy communication with the sea; population in 1840, 9468. Steamboats run daily between Hartford and New York, and several small steam-packets and tow-boats are employed on the river above. The principal branches of industry are printing and publishing, shoemaking, the manufacturing of saddlery, cards, and wire, wearing apparel, &c. Among the public buildings are the State-house, city hall, 13 churches, 5 banks, savings bank, &c., the Asylum for the deaf and dumb, retreat for the insane, &c. The Asylum for the deaf and dumb, the first institution of the kind established in America, was founded in 1816, and has about 140 pupils, who receive instruction in various branches of useful learning, and acquire a knowledge of the useful arts. Washington College, founded in 1824, has 7 professors and 72 students.

Middletown, a few miles below Hartford, is accessible to vessels drawing ten feet of water, and its coasting and foreign trade is considerable. The situation of the town is pleasant, and the houses and public buildings neat. Its manufactures comprise cotton and woollen goods, powder, cordage, paper, machinery, &c.: population, 3511. Saybrook, at the mouth of the Connecticut river, was the first spot occupied by Europeans in Connecticut, and the ground was regularly laid out for a large city; but the anticipations of its founders have not been realised.

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New London, near the mouth of Thames river, is the principal commercial place in Connecticut, with one of the best harbours in the country. Its trade is considerable; upwards of fifty ships sall hence to the whale-fishery. Population, 5519. Norwich, 13 miles above New London, is a flourishing manufacturing city. The water-power is ample, and is extensively employed. There are in the township 17 manufacturing establishments, 8 churches, 4 banks, &c. Population of the city, 4700; of the township, 7939. Stonington, in the south-east corner of the State, has a considerable number of vessels engaged in the whaling and scaling business. Population, 3898.

MIDDLE STATES.

THE MIDDLE STATES are bounded on the north by Canada, the river St. Lawrence, and Lakes Ontario and Erie; south by Virginia; east by the Atlantic Ocean and New England; west by the State of Ohio and Virginia. As a region, the Middle States comprise New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware; it extends, from north to south, about 490 miles, and from east to west,

360 miles, with an area of 115,000 square miles, and occupies one of the flacest parts of the Union.

The surface presents every variety of mountain, hill, plain and valley. The Appalachian, or Alleghany Range, extends through this region, from south-west to north-east, in several parallel ridges, which attains in Pennsylvania its widest limits; none of these, however, reach the elevation of the highest summits of the Blue Ridge in North Ca. vlina, or the White Mountains in New Hampshire. The Alleghany is generally covered with forests, and contains many wild solitudes, seldom trodden by the foot of man, affording shelter to various species of game. The most prominent rivers of the Atlantic sections of the United States are in

The most prominent rivers of the Atlantic sections of the United States are in this region. The Hudson and Delaware rank amongst the most important and useful of our navigable streams; but the Susquehannah is, notwithstanding its length, but little available without the aid of artificial navigation.

The mineral productions are various and valuable. Bituminous and anthracite coal, several kinds of iron ore, salt, lime, excellent building materials, and clays useful in the arts, are among the treasures in which it abounds. Mining industry has acquired importance from the activity and success with which it has lately been pushed; and the public works of this section are particularly remarkable for their number and magnitude.

In general the soil is fertile, and particularly favourable to the production of every species of grain: wheat is the principal object of culture; tobacco is extensively raised; also Indian corn, rye, barley, &c. The fruits common to the temperate regions are abundant, and of excellent quality. The commerce of the Middle States is extensive, and chiefly carried on through the cities of New York and Philadelphia, to which it centres; the trade, however, of a considerable part of Pennsylvania and Delaware flows to Baltimore. Manufacturing industry is carried to a greater extent, in proportion to the population, than in any part of the United States, excepting New England; it employs a vast amount of capital and

of Pennsylvania and Delaware flows to Baltimore. Manufacturing industry is carried to a greater extent, in proportion to the population, than in any part of the United States, excepting New England; it employs a vast amount of capital and labour, and affords generally a competent remuneration to thousands of both sexes. The Middle States were originally settled by people of various countries, having different habits, feelings, and opinions: society, therefore, does not possess that uniform character which admits of a general description. The people have not that unity of feeling and interest which is observed in the New England and Southern States; and the only reason for their being classed together is their contiguity: they seldom unite for any public purpose, and there seems to be but little sympathy or common feeling, which prompts them to act in concert for public affairs. The great body is of British descent, but in New York and Maryland there are many Germans; and in Pennsylvania they are so numerous as to constitute, in some respects, a separate community, retaining their own language, and being often ignorant of English. In New York and New Jersey there are many descendants of the original Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam; and in some sections the Dutch language is partially spoken.

After the close of the revolutionary war, the emigration from the New England States into New York continued to set so strongly for many years, that a majority of the present population of that State are natives of New England, or their descendants. There is also a large body of New England emigrants in Pennsylvania. Population of the Middle States, in 1830, 4,151,386; in 1840, 5,118,076; of whom 97,778 were slaves.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

This great State, the most flourishing, wealthy, and populous in the Union, combining with almost unequalled natural advantages of soil, internal navigation, and easy access by sea, public works executed on a scale of imperial grandeur, exhibits one of those amazing examples of growth and prosperity, that are sean nowhere on the globe beyond our own borders.

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New York is the most northern of the Middle States, and is bounded north by Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and Lower Canada; east by Vermont,

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This State forms a persion of the elevated table-land of the United States, broken in some places by mountainous ridges of inconsiderable elevation, and containing some remarkable depressions, which form the basins of lakes, or the channels of the rivers.

The principal rivers are the Hudson, St. Lawrence, Delaware, Susquehanna, Alleghany, Genesce, Niagare, Oawego, and the Mohawk. A pert of the lakes Eric, Ontario and Champlain, are in this State. The other principal lakes are Lake George, Cayuga, Sancca, Oneida, Oawegatchie, Canandaigus, &c.

The soil in the maritime part of the State is sandy, in the middle beautifully undulating, and in the western and southern division remarkably level, rich, and inclining to alluvial formation.

Iron ore is found in inexhaustible quantities, and of a good quality, in the northcessern part of the State; it occurs also in some of the central, eastern, and southwestern counties. Lead is found in some parts; also gypeum, in the central
counties, where it is extensively used for agricultural purposes. Limestone likewise occurs. Salt is procured in abundance from the Onondega salt-springs, in
the township of Salina; the brine is conducted to Salina, Syracuse, and other
neighbouring villages, where the salt is obtained by boiling, by solar evaporation,
and by artificial evaporation, 45 gallons of water yielding a bushel of salt. The
well-known springs of Ballston and Saratoga are partly saline, partly chaly beate;
and the water is exported in considerable quantities, not only to other States, but
to foreign countries. In the western part of the State there are burning springs,
yielding carburetted hydrogen, which is applied to economical uses in the neighbouring villages.

Wheat is the great agricultural staple of the State, and flour and provisions are largely exported. The manufactures are extensive and flourishing. The capital employed in that branch of national industry, in 1840, was over \$65,000,000, independent of home-made articles produced to the amount of more than \$4,600,000. The coston and woollen factories alone employed a capital of about \$8,400,000, and produced articles to the value of near \$7,200,000.

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The commerce of New York is on a great scale, as, beside supplying her own wants, and exporting her surplus productions, she imports a large share of the foreign articles consumed in the neighbouring Atlantic States, as well as in many of the Western States, to which her natural and artificial channels of communication give her access; and her great commercial emporium is the outlet for the produce of the same regions.

The inhabitants consist in part of the descendants of the original Dutch settlers, who have at present, however, lost in a great measure their national characteristics, and the descendants of the German palatines, who removed thither in the beginning of the last century, with some emigrants from Great Britain, and other European countries. But the mass of the people are of New England origin or descent, and they are favourably distinguished for enterprise, intelligence, and

The population in 1790 was 340,120; in 1800, 586,050; in 1810, 959,049; in 1820, 1,372,810; in 1830, 1,913,508; and in 1840, 2,428,921. Of these, 853,929 were white males, and 816,876 white females; 6435 were coloured males, and 6428 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 455,954; in commerce, 28,48; in manufactures and trades, 173,193; in mining, 1898; in navigating the ocean, 5511; do. lakes, rivers and canals, 10,167; in the learned professions, 14,111.

There were in the State, according to the census of 1840, 475,543 horses and mules; 1,911,244 neat cattle; 5,118,777 sheep; 1,900,065 swine; poultry to the value of \$1,153,143. There were produced, 12,386,418 bushels of wheat; 2,979,323 of rye; 10,973,286 of Indian corn; 2,520,060 of barley; 2,287,885 of buckwheat; 30,123,614 of potatoes; 9,845,395 pounds of wool; 10,048,109 of sugar; 447,325 of hops; 1735 of silk occoons; 3,127,047 tons of hay; and 1130 of hemp or flax.

The products of the dairy amounted to \$10,496,091; of the orchard, to \$1,701,235; of lumber, to \$3,891,302.

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47,285 or flax. The commerce of N w York greatly surpasses that of any other State in the Union. The exports of 1841 were \$33,139,833, and the imports were \$75,713,496; the tonnage entered was 1,111,680; the tonnage cleared, 965,548.

The manufactures of the State are also extensive. Home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$4,636,547; 323 woollen manufactories, with \$80 fulling-mills, produced articles to the amount of \$3,637,237, with a capital of \$3,469,349; 117 cotton factories, with 211,659 spindles, employed 4407 persons, and a capital of \$4,990,772, and produced articles of the value of \$3,640,337; 332 persons produced \$9,068 tons of cast-iron; 190 forges produced \$5,601,000; 186 furnaces produced \$9,068 tons of cast-iron; 190 forges produced \$5,691,000; 186 furnaces produced \$670,000 pounds of lead, and employed a capital of \$931,000; boots, shoes, saddels, &c., were produced to the amount of \$2,895,517; hardware and cutlery, to the value of \$1,566,974; precious metals, to the value of \$1,106,203; 212 distilleries produced 11,973,815 gallons of spirits; 83 breweries produced 6,059,122 gallons of beer, and employed a capital of \$3,107,066; 338 flouring-mills produced 1,861,385 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$16,953,280, and employed a capital of \$14,648,814; vessels were built to the amount of \$797,317; amount of capital employed in the fisheries, \$949,250. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$55,252,779.

This State has several important literary institutions: Columbia College, in New York city, founded in 1754; Union College, at Schenectady, founded in 1795; Hamilton College, in Clinton, founded in 1813; Geneva College, at Geneva, founded in 1823; University of the City of New York, founded in 1831. The Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary was founded by the Baptists in 1819; the Theological Institute of the Episcopal Church was founded in 1819, in the city of New York; the New York Theological Seminary, at Auburn, was founded in 1831; the Hartwick Seminary, at Hartwick, Otsego county, founded 1816; the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in the city of New York, was founded in 1807; the Albany Medical College was founded in 1839. In the above-named institutions there were, in 1840, 1385 students. There were in the State 505 academies, with 34,715 students, and 10,539 common and primary schools, with 502,367 scholars. There were 44,452 white persons, over twenty years of age, who could neither read nor write.

In 1838, the Presbyterians, with a few Congregationalists, had 5f prinisters, and 86,000 communicants; the Dutch Reformed had 142 ministers, and 15,800 communicants; the Methodists had 591 ministers, and 30,700 communicants; the Baptists had 483 ministers, and 67,183 communicants; the Episcopalians had 297 ministers, and about 10,000 communicants; the Associate Reformed had 30 ministers; the Lutherans had 27 ministers; the Roman Catholics had 32 ministers; the Universalists had 25 ministers.

The State of New York is distinguished for its magnificent public works, constructed for the purpose of connecting the great central basin of the lakes and the St. Lawrence with the Atlantic; 663 miles of canal navigation have been obtained, at a cost of \$13,497,568. The great trunk is the Eric canal, extending from Buffalo, on Lake Eric, to the Hudson, 364 miles. The Champlain canal extends from Lake Champlain, at Whitehall, to the junction of the Eric canal with the Hudson, 64 miles, with a navigable feeder of 12 miles; lockage, 186 feet, by 21 locks. Other branches of this work, pervading different parts of the State, are the Cawego canal, 38 miles, connecting the Eric canal at Salina with Lake Ontario; Cayuga and Seneca canal, 23 miles, extending from Geneva to Montezuma, on the Eric canal, and thus continuing the navigation through those two lakes; Crooked Lake, eight miles, connecting that lake with Seneca Lake; Chemung canal, from the head of the latter to the river Chemung, or Tioga, at Elmira, 33 miles, with a navigable feeder from Painted Post to Elmira, of 16 miles; Chenango canal, 97 miles in length, from Binghamton, on the Chenango,

to Utics; the Black River canal, 35 miles in length, from Rome, on the Eric canal, to High Falls, on Black river; and the Genesce Valley canal, from Rochester to Olean, on the Alleghany river, 107 miles.

Beside the works constructed by the State, the principal canal made by a private company is the Delaware and Hudson, extending from the mouth of Roundout creek, on the latter river, to Port Jervis on the Delaware, up that river to the

out creek, on the latter river, to Port Jervis on the Delawars, up that river to the mouth of the Lackawaxen, and along the latter to Honesdale, in Pennsylvania; total length 109 miles, of which 96 are in Pennsylvania. From Honesdale a rail-road runs to the coal-mines at Carbondale, a distance of 16 miles. The following are the principal rail-roads completed in the State of New York: From Albany to Schenectady, 16 miles; from Schenectady to Utica, 78 miles; from Auburn to Rochester, 78 miles; from Rochester to Auburn, 26 miles; from Auburn to Rochester, 78 miles; from Rochester to Attica, 44 miles; from Attica to Buffalo, 36 miles. All the foregoing roads form one continuous line from Albany to Buffalo of 331 miles, and, in connection with the rail-road from Albany to West Stockbridge. Ma. of 38 miles; and thence to Boston, 169 miles; the whole Albany to Buffalo of 331 miles, and, in connection with the rail-road from Albany to West Stockbridge, Ms., of 38 miles, and thence to Boston, 163 miles, the whole forms a splendid connected rail-road of 531 miles in length. The other chief rail-roads in the State extend from Schenectady to Saratoga Springs, 22 miles; from West Troy to Schenectady, 20 miles; from Troy to Ballston Spa, 334 miles; from Hudson to West Stockbridge, Ms., 33 miles; from Brooklyn to Greenport, 90 miles; from New York to White Plains, 29 miles; from Corning to Blossburg, Pa., 40 miles; from Buffalo to Niagara Falls, 23 miles; from Lockport to Niagara Falls, 24 miles; from Ithaca to Owego, 29 miles; and from Piermont to Dunkirk, on lake Erie, 446 miles: this road is finished and in use from Piermont, shout 45 miles.

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The city of New York is the largest, most wealthy, and most flourishing of all American cities; the greatest commercial emporium of America, and, after London, the greatest in the world.

No city in the world possesses equal advantages for foreign commerce and inland trade. Two long lines of canals, stretching back in every direction, have increased its natural advantages, and rendered it the great mart of an almost indefinite extent of country; while its facilities of communication with all parts of the world have made it the thoroughfare of the same vast region. The progress of its population has never been paralleled: in 1790 it was 33,131; in 1810, 96,373; in 1830, 903,007; and in 1840, 319,710; or, including Brooklyn, nearly 350,000.

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New York is well-built and regularly laid out, with the exception of the older part, in which the streets are crowded, narrow, and crooked; but this now forms only a small portion of the city. It is chiefly as a great mart of foreign and inland commerce that New York is most advantageously known.

The arrivals from foreign ports are about 2000 annually, and of coasters near 4800. The passengers that arrived in 1843 were 46,309 in number, of whom only 341 were Americans. The imports in the same year amounted to \$50,308,590, the exports to \$23,440,336, and the duties collected to \$11,300,407. There is a line of steam-packets to Liverpool, besides which there are line-ships that sail for Liverpool every five days, to London every ten days, and to Havre every eight days. Regular lines of packets are also established to all the chief cities of the United States, the West Indies, and South America. Steamboat-lines to all the adjacent maritime towns are numerous.

There are in New York 25 banks, with an aggregate capital of more than \$27,000,000; several marine insurance companies, with a capital of about \$3,000,000; 22 fire insurance companies, with a capital of about \$6,000,000, besides several mutual insurance companies. There are 4 savings banks, 15 markets, 6 theatres, a circus, and 2 museums. Among the public buildings are the City Hall, a handsome edifice of white marble, with a front of 216 feet; the Hall of the University, a splendid building, 180 by 100 feet; the Hall of Columbia College; the Hospital; the City Lyceum; 185 churches; the Astor House, a vast hotel of Quincy granite, 200 feet by 150, and 77 feet high, containing 390 rooms; the Almshouse at Bellevue, on East river; the Pententiary on Blackwell's Island, in the same river, several miles from the city; the Customhouse, an elegant building, 177 feet long by 89 wide, on the model of the Parthenon; the new Exchange, recently created in place of the one destroyed by fire in 1835; the Hall of Justice, built in the Egyptian style, and usually called the Tomba.

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The benevolent societies are numerous and well supported. They comprise a hospital, with which is connected a lunatic asylum, at Bloomingdale; a hospital at Bellevus, for the sick and insane poor, connected with the city almahouse; three dispensaries; an institution for the blind; one for the deaf and dumb; and a great number of orphan asyluma, relief associations, education, bible, and tract societies, &c. Neither is New York behind her sister cities in her literary and scientific establishments. Beside the educational institutions already mentioned, the Historical Society, the New York Society Library, with 40,000 volumes; the Lyceum of Natural History, and the American Lyceum, have published some valuable papers; while the Mercantile Library Association, and the Apprentices' Library, show that the merchants and mechanics are not indifferent to the intallectual improvement of their clerks and apprentices.

There are here also an Academy of Fine Arts, and an Academy of Design. The American Institute, for the promotion of domestic industry by the distribution of premiums and other rewards, holds annual fairs for the exhibition of the products of American industry.

The most splendid work undertaken by the city corporation is the Croton Water-works. An aqueduct built of stone and brick conveys the water of the Croton river to the city. It commences five miles from the Hudson, at a dam built in the river for the purpose of creating a supply, and which contains 500 million gallons. The aqueduct is 40 miles long, has a descent of about 13 inches per mile, and will discharge 60 million gallons of water in 24 hours. The receiving reservoir, two miles from the city, covers 35 acres, and contains 150 million gallons. The Croton water is of the purest kind of river water, and is sufficient to supply a population five times as numerous as that of New York. It is carried to all parts of the city in iron pipes, laid deep enough to be unaffected by the frost.

The city of Brooklyn, on Long Island, opposite to New York, is situated on a rising ground which commands an agreeable view, and it partakes in the commercial activity and prosperity of its neighbour. Here is a navy-yard of the United States, on Wallabout Bay. There are in Brooklyn 30 churches, 3 banks, 3 insurance companies, &c. Steam ferry-boats are constantly running across the East river to New York, and a rail-road extends to Greenport, 96 miles, at the eastern end of Long Island, which forms a portion of the nearest route to Boston. Population in 1830, 15,394; and in 1840, 36,333. About 50 miles above the city of New York, and on the west side of the Hudson, is West Point, a celebrated military post do ing the war of independence, and now the seat of the United States' Military Academy for the education of officers of the army. Newburgh, 10 miles above West Point, and on the right bank, with 6000 inhabitants, and Poughkeepsie, 14 miles higher, on the left, with 7500, are neat, thriving villages, with considerable trade, and several ships engaged in the whale-fishery. Near the head of ship navigation, 117 miles from the sea, stands the city of Hudson, on a commanding eminence on the left bank of the river. Its trade and manufactures are extensive and increasing, and it has eleven ships, with an aggregate of about 4000 tons, engaged in the whale-fishery. The city is well laid out and prettily built, and the neighbourhood presents many charming prospects. Population in 1840, 5679.

On the western bank of the Hudson river, 145 miles above New York, is the city of Albany, the capital, and, in point of size, the third city of the State. Its wealth and trade have been greatly increased by the Eric and Champlain canals, which terminate in a large basin in the city; and its situation renders it a great thoroughfare, not only for traders, but also for travellers on the northern route. It contains several handsome public buildings, among which are the capitol, a fine stone edifice; the State-hall, and the city hall, both of white marble; the Academy, of red freestone; 30 churches, &c. A medical college, female aca-

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demy, and exchange, are also important public buildings. Twenty steamboats and fifty tow-boats ply between this city and New York, and the intermediate places on the river. By the Eric canal and a continuous line of rail-roads, Albany places on the river. By the Eric canal and a continuous line of rail-roade, Albany is connected with Buffalo, and shares extensively in the trade of the far West. By the Champlein canal, it receives the trade of the North. Rail-roade also satisfied to Saratoga, and another great line of rail-roade extends eastward to Boston. Population in 1840, 33,781. The city of Troy, six miles above Albany, is extusted on the opposite side of the river. The trade and manufactures of this place are both considerable. The city is regularly laid out and prettily built. Population in 1840, 19,334. Nearly north from Albany, at a distance of 29 and 39 miles respectively, are the most frequented of American watering-places. Ballston Spa and Saratoga. At the eastern end of Lake Ontario, at the head of a deep bay, is Sacket's Harbour, an important naval station during the three years war; and on the Black river, 7 miles from its mouth, is the flourishing-village of Watertown, with about 4000 inhabitants. The water-power derived from the river is computed at 10,000 cubic feet; the fall is 88 feet in a mile, and from the river is computed at 10,000 cubic feet; the fall is 88 feet in a mile, and forms an immense hydraulic power, which is just beginning to be used; here are a number of mills and factories of different kinds.

Up the valley of the Mohawk, and along the line of the canal and its branches, are a number of cities and towns, which have sprung up, as if by enchantment, in the bosom of a wilderness. Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse, Oswego, Auburn, Ithaca, Seneca, Canandaigua, Rochester, Lockport, and Buffalo, are the principal. The city of Schenectady, situated in the midst of a fertile tract, affording numerous mill-seata, traversed by the canal, and connected by rail-roads with Albany, Saratoga, and Utica, has an extensive and increasing trade, and some manufactures. It is the seat of Union College, one of the principal collegiate institutions in the State. Population in 1840, 6784.

Upwards of 30 miles north-west from Abany, on the Erie canal, is the city of Utics. In 1794, the spot contained only four or five log houses, in the midst of a wilderness: in 1840, the city had a population of 18,789 scals, 18 churches, a court-house, offices for the cierks of the Supreme and United States' Courts, an exchange, 2 academics, the Utica library, apprentices' library, museum, Protestant and Roman Catholic orphan asylums, and various other charitable institutions; 4 banks, a savings bank, mutual insurance company, and 1600 dwellings: it dates its prosperity from the completion of the Eric canal.

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Still farther west, on the canal, are the villages of Salina, Syracuse, Geddes, and Liverpool, the seat of the Orondaga salt-aprings, which are the property of the State: the manufacturers pay a duty of six cents a bushel, and, in the year 1840, made 692,335 bushels, much of which is sent out of the State. The 1840, made 692,335 bushels, much of which is sent out of the State. The works are capable of producing 3,000,000 bushels a year. Population of Syracuse in 1840, 6500; of Selina, 2600. From Syracuse, a branch canal extends to Oswego, on Lake Oaturio, one of the most flourishing villages in the State: the iver of the same name furnishes an inexhaustible water-power, which is very xtensively employed for useful purposes, and an excellent harbour, protected by piers, constructed by the general government. Since the opening of the Welland canal, a considerable portion of the trade of the upper lakes, as well as that of Lake Outario, enters at Oswego, and large quantities of wheat are brought in to be ground here. The population of the village more than doubled between 1830 and 1840, having increased from 2117 to 4500 finabitants.

Rochester, situated on the Genesee river, seven miles from its mouth, and raversed by the Eric canal, is a flourishing town. The river has here a fall of spwards of 90 feet, and, a few miles below, it descends by a fall of 75 feet to the evel of Lake Ontario. The water-power thus produced is immense, and there are now in the city 22 large flour-mills, several cotton and woollen manufactories, and a great number of other manufacturing establishments. The aqueduct over the river is upheld by ten arches of hown stone. The population increased from 1569 in 1820, to 20,191 in 1840. The city contains 23 churches, 6 banks, a avings bank, museum, a collegiate institute, and various other institutions. The city of Buffalo, at the western termination of the canal, has a harbour on Lake Eric, protected by a long pier. The city is well built and finely situated, overlooking the lake; and it contains a great number of large warehouses and manufactories. The population in 1820 was 2095; in 1830, 6321; and in 1840, 18,213. The lake-trade is very extensive. In 1817, there were but 28 vessels, and no steamboat, on Lake Erie; and in 1840 they amounted to 360 sloops, schooners and brigs, and 60 steamboats, most of which exceeded 200 tons burthen; beside several ships, &c. Buffalo contains, in addition to its numerous churches, an exchange, a theatre, orphan asylum, young men's association, &c. Ithaca, at the head of Cayuga Lake, increased its population from 3324 in 1830, to 5650 in 1840. By the Owego rail-road, it is connected with the Susquehanna, and, by the lake, with the Eric canal and tide-water. Its situation is highly pictorescape. There are numerous manufacturing establishments here. turesque. There are numerous manufacturing establishments here.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

THE State of New Jersey is bounded north by New York, east by the Atlantic Ocean and New York, south by Delaware Bay, and west by Pennsylvania. It is 138 miles in length, and 50 miles in breadth; the area is about 6600 square miles. The soil of this State is not naturally well adapted to agricultural pursuits, much of the land being either sandy or marshy; yet its proximity to two of the largest markets in the United States, and the industry of the inhabitants, have rendered it exceedingly productive of all sorts of grain, fruits, and vegetables, common to the climate. Now Jersey is intersected by many navigable rivers, and has numerous streams for mills, iron-works, and every species of manufactures requiring water-power. The principal of these streams are the Raritan, Hackensack, Passis Salam Tom Coheneau and Manufactures requiring

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New Jersey abounds in valuable iron ores; rich veins of sine ore occur in the northern part of the State; copper also abounds, and has been extensively worked. The greater part of the sandy tract is covered with extensive pine forests, which have afforded supplies of fuel for the numerous furnaces of the State, and the steamboats of the neighbouring waters; the middle section is the most highly improved and wealthy part of the State, being divided into small farms and kitchen-gardens, which are carefully cultivated, the produce of which finds a ready market in the manufacturing towns of the district, and in the great cities of the adjacent States. The northern counties contain much good pasture-land, with numerous fine farms. The apples and cider of the north are as noted for their superior quality as the peaches of the south. The industry of the inhabitants is chiefly devoted to agriculture, commerce being mostly carried on through the ports of New York and Pennsylvania; the north-eastern corner is, however, the seat of flourishing manufactures. The shad and oyster fisheries in the rivers and great estuaries that border on the State, afford a profitable employment to many of the inhabitants.

The population of New Jersey, in 1790, was 184,189; in 1800, 911,149; in 1810, 245,592; in 1820, 277,575; in 1830, 390,779; in 1840, 373,306. Of these, 177,055 were white males; 174,633, white females; 10,780 were free coloured males; 10,261, free coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 56,701; in commerce, 2383; in manufactures and trades, 27,004; in mining, 266; in maygating the ocean, 1143; in navigating rivers and camils, 1685; in the learned

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There were in the State, in 1840, 70,502 horses and mules; \$20,203 nest cat tle; 219,886 sheep; 261,443 swine. There were produced, 774,803 bushels of wheat; 1,665,890 of rye; 4,361,975 of Indian corn; 3,083,594 of cats; 12,501 of barley; 856,117 of buckwheat; 2,072,069 of potatoes; 397,207 pounds of wool; 1966 of silk occoons. The products of the dairy amounted to \$1,322,032; of the orchard, to \$464,006; of lumber, to \$271,591; 9416 gallons of wine were

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employing a capital of \$314,650; 43 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$2,086,104, employing a capital of \$1,722,810; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$1,181,562; saddles, boots, shoes, &c., were produced to the amount of \$1,582,746; 64 flouring-mills manufactured 168,797 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, employed a capital of \$2,641,200; ships were built to the amount of \$334,240; capital employed in the fisheries, \$93,375. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$11,517,589.

The College of New Jersey, or Nassau Hall, at Princeton, is one of the oldest and most distinguished in the country, and has educated many eminent men. At the same place is the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, more recently founded, but equally distinguished. Rutgers College, in New Brunswick, was founded in 1770, and latterly has been flourishing. Connected with it is the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, founded in 1784, which is respectable. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 433 students; there were in the State 66 academies, with 3027 students, and 1207 common and primary schools, with 52,563 scholers. There were 6385 white persons, over 20 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

In 1835, the Presbyterians had 100 churches, and 105 ministers; the Dutch Reformed had 48 churches, and 42 ministers; the Episoopalians had 35 churches, 1 bishop, and 29 ministers; the Methodists had 64 ministers and about twice as many congregations; the Baptists in 1832 had 61 churches, and 54 ordained ministers; the Friends had 67 meetings; the Roman Catholics had 4 ministers. There are also Congregationalists, Universalists, and others.

There are several important works of internal improvement in this State. The Morris canal proceeds from Jersey city, opposite to New York, westwardly, 101½ miles, to Easton, Pa. The Delaware and Hudson canal commences at Bordentown, proceeds north-west to Trenton, and thence north-east to New Brunswick, on the Raritan river. The Camden and Amboy rail-road commences at Camden, opposite to Philadelphia, and proceeds north-east to Amboy, 61 miles; it has a branch from Bordentown to Trenton, 8 miles, and another from Craft's Creek to Jobstown, 13 miles. The Paterson and Hudson rail-road proceeds from Jersey city to Paterson, 16½ miles. The New Jersey rail-road proceeds from Jersey city, through Newark, 34 miles, to New Brunswick; here it joins the New Brunswick and Trenton rail-road, which connects the two places, 27 miles distant. The Morris and Essex rail-road extends from Newark, 32 miles, to Morristown. A rail-road extends from Elizabethport, 35 miles, to Somerville.

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The city of Trenton, on the east bank of the Delaware, at the head of sloop navigation, is the capital of the State. It is regularly laid out, and contains the State-house, State-prison, and seven churches. A wooden bridge, 1100 feet in length, here crosses the river, just below the falls; and the Delaware and Raritan canal passes through the city. The falls afford extensive water-power for manufacturing purposes, and there are ten mills and manufactories in the vicinity. Population, 4035. Ten miles from Trenton is the village of Princeton, the seat of New Jersey College, and celebrated in the revolutionary history for the action of January 3d, 1777. Population, 3055.

The city of New Brunswick, at the head of sloop navigation on the Raritan, and at the termination of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, is the depôt of the produce of a fertile district, and a place of considerable trade. The upper streets are spacious and handsome, and command a fine prospect. Here are Rutgers College, and a theological seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church. Population in 1840, 8693. If contains 8 churches, 2 banks, 120 stores, and 800 dwellings.

At the mouth of the Raritan stands the city of Amboy, or Perth Amboy, with a good harbour, which is, however, little used. Elizabethtown is a pretty and thriving town near Newark Bay, with about 2500 inhabitants; it contains several manufactories, mills, &c. It is intersected by two rail-roads.

The city of Newark, the largest and most important town in New Jersey, stands on the Passaic, three miles from Newark Bay, and has easy communication with New York by means of steamboats and the New Jersey rail-road; the Morris canal also passes through the city. Newark is prettily situated and well built,

with spacious streets and handsome houses, many of which are ornamented with fine shade-trees. The manufactures are extensive; the capital employed in 1840 mounted to \$1,511,336. Carriages, shoes and boots, ontiery, saddlery, jewelry, nats, furniture, &c., are among the articles produced. The population in 1830 was 10,953, and in 1840, 17,390. Paterson, at the falls of the Passaic, is one of the principal manufacturing towns in the country; it has an immense water-power, which is extensively applied to economical purposes. Here are cotton-mills, with numerous other works, such as paper-mills, machine-shops, button factories, iron and brass founderies, nail factories, woollen-mills, &c. The town contains nine churches, a philosophical society, and also a mechanics' society for improvement in the mechanic arts. Population, 7596.

Below Trenton, on the Delaware, is Bordentown, pleasantly situated on elevated ground overlooking the river, and standing at the termination of the Delaware and Raritan canal. Population, about 1800. The city of Burlington, below Bordentown, is also a neat little town, situated on the bank of the river, with 3434 inhabitants. Steamboats from Philadelphia touch at these places several times a day. The city of Camden, opposite to Philadelphia, carries on some branches of manufacturing industry; several steam ferry-boats are constantly plying between the two cities. It contains 6 churches, an academy, bank, court-house, &c. Population in 1840, 3,371; in 1845, 4306, with 836 dwellings.

Woodbury, 7 miles south of Camero is connected with the latter by a rail-

road; it is a neat village of 120 dwellings, and about 800 inhabitants. on Salem creek, 35 miles south of Camden, is a town of 250 houses, and had a population in 1840 of 2007 inhabitants. It was founded in 1675, and was the first place that was settled by English emigrants in West Jersey.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

This State, which, from her central position, her dimensions, her natural resources, her great lines of communication, and her population, may rank as one of the most important in the Union, is bounded on the north by New York and Lake Eric, east by New Jersey, south-east by Delaware, south by Maryland and Virginia, and west by part of Virginia and Ohio. Its greatest length, from east to west, is 307 miles, and its breadth 157; area, 46,000 square miles.

The principal rivers are the Delaware, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Susquehanna, Juniata, Alleghany, Monongahela, and Ohio. The various ridges of the Alleghany range, whose general direction is from south-west to north-east, intersect the central parts of this State. The valleys between many of these ridges are often of a rich black soil, suited well to the various kinds of grass and grain. Some of the mountains admit of cultivation almost to their summits. No State in the Union shows to the traveller a richer agriculture than Pennsylvania. is emphatically a grain country, raising the finest wheat. It produces all the fruits and productions of the northern and middle States, and is particularly famous for the size and excellence of its breed of draught horses.

The inhabitants of Pennsylvania, though composed of all nations, are distinguished for their habits of order, industry, and frugality. The passing stranger, as he traverses the State, is struck with the noble roads and public works, with the well-cultivated farms, and their commodious and durable stone houses, and often still larger stone barns. An agricultural country, alike charming and rich, spreads under his eye.

The mineral wealth of Pennsylvania is very great. Coal, iron, and salt, occur in vast quantities. The coal of Pennsylvania is of two kinds, the anthracite and bituminous, which are quite distinct in their qualities and localities. The first is found in the eastern part of the State, between the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers, and is estimated to cover an extent of about 624,000 acres. The bituminous coal is found in the western parts of the State, on the Ohio, Alleghany, and other rivers in that region.

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iron-mines in the eastern part of the State were explored and worked at an early period of colonial acttlement, and had become an interest of value before the Revolution. Since the peace of 1783, with much fluctuation, iron has at all times employed in Pennsylvania a considerable amount of capital and labour; whilst the recent successful application of autorestee coal to the fusion of the ore, and the abundance of both materials in close proximity, promise a vast extension of the business.

The population in 1790 was 434,373; in 1800, 609,545; in 1810, 810,091; in 1880, 1,049,313; in 1830, 1,346,672; in 1840, 1,724,033. Of these, 884,770 were white males; 831,345; white females; 22,752 were coloured males; 25,102, coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 207,533; in commerce, 15,338; in manufactures and trades, 105,883; in mining, 4603; in navigating the ocean, 1815; in navigating canals, rivers and lakes, 3951; in the learned professions, 6706.

There were in the State, in 1840, 361,558 horses and mules; 1,161,576 neat cattle; 1,755,557 sheep; 1,485,360 swine. Poultry was produced to the amount of \$661,379: There were produced, 12,993,318 hushels of wheat; 6,544,654 of rye; 2,096,016 of buckwheat; 14,077,363 of Indian corn; 206,858 of barley; 20,485,744 of ords; 9,477,343 of potatoes; 3,028,657 pounds of wool; 48,694 of hops; 325,018 of tobacco; 2,965,755 of sugar; 7969 of silk coccoms; 1,302,685 toss of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$3,152,987; of the orchard, at \$610,512; of lumber, at \$1,146,355. There were made 14,328 gallons of wine.

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The exports for the year ending September 30th, 1841, were \$5,152,501, and the imports \$10,346,698. The tonnage entered was 99,385; and cleared, 83,598 tons.

The manufactures of Pennsylvania are extensive. According to the census of 1840, home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$1,993,429; 935 woollen manufactories and 337 fulling-mills produced articles to the amount of \$2,298,861, employing a capital of \$1,500,546; 106 cotton manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$5,013,007, employing a capital of \$3,335,400; 2997 persons produced \$59,686 tons of anthracite coal, with a capital of \$3,000,416; 213 furnaces produced 98,395 tons cast-iron, and 169 forges, &c. produced 87,344 tons of bar-iron, employing a capital of \$7,781,471; 1149 tanneries, and 2139 other manufactories, as addleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$3,453,943, employing a capital of \$3,979,459; 30 powder-mills manufactured 1,184,225 pounds of powder, employing a capital of \$66,800; drugs, paints, &c., were produced to the amount of \$2,100,074; 28 glass-houses and 15 glass-cutting establishments produced articles to the amount of \$772,400, employing a capital of \$714,100; machinery was produced to the value of \$1,993,752; precious metals to the value of \$9,679,075; 1005 distilleries produced 6,328,768 gallons of distilled apirits; 87 breweries produced 12,765,974 gallons of beer, employing a capital of \$1,585,771; 725 flouring-mills produced 1,181,530 barrels of flour, and with other mills produced articles to the amount of \$9,232,515, employing a capital of \$7,779,784. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures in the State, was \$31,815,105.

The colleges are numerous. The University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, was founded in 1755; Dickinson College, in Carliale, in 1783; Jefferson College, in Canonsburg, in 1802; Washington College, in Washington, in 1806; Alleghany College, in Meadville, in 1816; Pennsylvania College, in Gettyeburg, in 1832; La Fayette College, in Easton, 1832; Marchall College, at Mercereburg, 1836. Besides these, are the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, founded at Philadelphia, in 1765; Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, in 1836; the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, at Philadelphia, in 1836; the Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church, at Gettyaburg, in 1836; the Saminary of the German Reformed Church, at York, in 1895; the Western Theological Seminary, at Canonsburg, and the Theological Seminary at Pittaburg. In all these seminaries there were, in 1840, 2034 students. There

were in the State 350 academies, with 15,970 students; and 4968 common and primary schools, with 179,989 scholars. There were 33,940 white persons, over 30 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

Of the religious denominations, the Presbyterians, including the Lascointe Reformed, had, in 1836, 400 ministers; the Methodists, 250; the Baptists, 140; the German Reformed, 73; the Episcopalians, 70; the Friends, 166 congregations. Besides these, there are several other denominations which are less

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By a aplendid course of internal improvements, Pennsylvania has greatly. extended and facilitated her trade, but has contracted the largest debt of any Stat in the Union which she is abundantly able to discharge, but can only do it by moderate taxation. The central division of the Fennsylvania canal commences at the tesmination of the Columbia and Philadelphia rail-road, at Columbia, and exten mination at the Commons and Philadelphia rait-road, at Columbia, and extends along the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, 172 miles, to Hollidayaburg, where it passes over the Alleghany mountain by a rail-road. The western division of the Pennsylvania canal extends from Johnstown to Pittsburg, 104 miles. This completes the line of rail-roads from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, 395 miles. A canal extends from the Pennsylvania canal, at the mouth of the Juniata river, and proceeds 39 miles to Northumberiand, where it connects with the North and West Branch The West Branch canal extends from Northumberland, along the West branch of the Susquehanna river, 75 miles, to Farrandsville, in Clinton county, reaching the bituminous coal-fields in that vicinity. The North Branch division extends from Northumberland, 73 miles, to a little above Wilkesbarre. The Delaware division of the Pennsylvania canal extends from the tide-water at Bristol, 20 miles above Philadelphia, to Easton, at the mouth of the Lehigh, where it joins the navigation of the Lehigh company, extending to the coal region, 25 miles. The Schuylkill navigation commences at the Fairmount dam, near Philadelphia, and extends to Port Carbon, in Schuylkill county, the heart of the anthracite coal region. The Union canal extends from the Schuylkill, near Reading, to Middletown, on the Susquehanna, 82 miles; it has a navigable feeder of 23 miles on Swatara creek, which communicates with the coal region. The Sus quehanna or Tidewater canal commences at Wrightsville, opposite to Columbia, and extends 45 miles to Havre-de-Grace, in Maryland, and connects the Pennsylvania canal with the tide-water of Chesspeake bay. The Philadelphia and Reading rail-road extends from the west side of the Schuylkill, near Philadelphia. to Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, 90 miles, giving ready access to the coal region. There are many minor rail-roads, which have relation to the transportation of coal. The Alleghany Portage rail-road extends from Hollidayaburg to Johnstown, 364 miles, and connects the eastern and weatern divisions of the Pennsylvania canal. The Philadelphia and Columbia rail-road, one of the most important in the State, extends from Philadelphia, 82 miles, to Columbia on the Sus quehanns. A rail-road extends through the south-eastern part of the State, leading from New York to Baltimore and Washington.

The city of Philadelphia, the principal city of the State, and one of the most regularly laid out and handsomely built in the world, stands between the Delaware and the Schuylkill rivers, about 5 miles above their junction, and 100 miles from the sea by the course of the former. It yields to none in the Union in the wealth, industry, and intelligence of its citizens. Philadelphia has the advantage of a double port, connected with very remote sections; that on the Schuylkill is accessible to vessels of 300 tons, and is a great depot for the coal of the interior; the other, on the Delaware, admits the largest merchant-vessels to the doors of the warehouses, and is spacious and secure.

The streets are broad and straight, crossing each other at right angles, and dividing the city into numerous aquares, some of which have been reserved for public walks, and are ornamented with fine shade and flowering trees. The dwelling-houses are nest and commodious, and the public buildings; generally, constructed of white marble, are the most elegant in the country. Three cross the Schuylkill; the wire suspension bridge is remarkable for its light one beautiful appearance. Numerous steam-boats afford constant communication

with Baltimore and New York, and, with the rail-loads into the interior, render this city the great thoroughfare between the north and south, and the east and

Philadelphia includes the City Proper, with Southwark, Moyamensing, and Passyunk, on the sout; and Kensington, Northern Liberties, Spring Garden, and Pean Township, on the north; having a population, in 1790, of 42,590; in 1810, of 96,664; in 1830, of 167,811; and in 1840, of 298,690.

The manufactures of Philadelphia are various and extensive: her foreign commerce is considerable, the arrivals from foreign ports in 1835 having been 439, and the value of her imports being \$5,000,000 a year; her inland commerce is also very extensive, and rapidly increasing, in consequent of the facilities afforded by the numerous canals and rail-roads that centre here, affording an easy communication with all sections of the State, and with the great western valley. There are about 500,000 barrels of flour and 3600 hogsheads of tobacco inspected, and upwards of 800,000 bushels of grain measured here, annually.

The shipping belonging to the port in 1843, was 104,349 tons. There are in the city 14 banks, with a capital of \$12,000,000.

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Philsdelphia is noted for the number and excellence of its benevolent institutions. Among these are the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Dispensary, Wills' Hospital for the lame and blind; the institutions for the deaf and dumb, and for the blind; the Almshouse, Magdalen Asylum, Orphan Asylums, Girard College for Orphans, &c. The Society for alleviating the miseries of public prisons, has not only distinguished itself by its successful efforts in reforming the penal code of the State, but in improving the conditions of the prisons: the discipline adopted by the influence of this society consists in solitary confinement with labour; and the penitentiaries of Pennsylvania are conducted on this plan. The learner institutions of Philadelphia are equally distinguished; they are the American Philosophical Society, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and the Franklin Institute; all of which have published some valuable volumes. The medical schools are also much frequented, and highly celebrated. The City Library, including the Loganian collection, consists of \$5,000 volumes. There is also an Academy of Fine Arts here. Free schools are supported at the public charge, and educated, in 1843, 33,130 scholars, at an expense of \$192,000. The principal public buildings are the Custom-house, late the United States Bank, on the model of the Parthenon, and the Pennsylvania Bank, of the Ionic order, both elegant specimens of classical architecture; the Mint, a handsome building, with Ionic porticose 69 feet long on each front; the Exchange, 95 feet by 114, containing a spacious hall, news-room, the post-office, &c.; the Girard Bank; the Girard College, a splendid structure, 111 feet by 109, with a colonnade of Grecian Corinthian columns entirely surrounding it, All of these buildings are of white narble.

The United States Marine Asylum, capable of accommedating 400 men, with a front of 385 feet; the Almshouse, on the west bank of the Schuylkill, consisting of four distinct buildings, with nearly 400 rooms; the State-house, interesting from its having been the place where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and promulgated; the United States Arsensl, &c., also deserve mention. There are here 144 churches and places of public worship, including 3 synagogues. The State penitentiary and the county prison are not less remarkable for their architecture, than for their discipline. The county prison, built of Quincy granite, has a front of 310 feet, by 595 in depth. There is a navy-yard here, but ships of war of the largest class cannot ascend to the city with their armament. The inhabitants are liberally supplied with water, raised from the Schuylkill diver, by the Fairmount works, constructed at an expense of \$432,500; the daily consumption in summer is about 4,500,000 gallons, and supplies 26,549 tenants. Recently, the corporations of Spring Garden and the Northern Liberties have completed a similar work, on a smaller scale, for the supply of their districts with water independent of the city. The city proper and the Northern Liberties are lighted with gas, and the district of Kensington is about to be illuminated in the same manner.

Frankford and Germantown are fourishing towns in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The former contains several manufacturing establishments, including cotton-mills, calico-print works, &c. Near it are an arsenal of the United States, and a lumatic asylum belonging to the Friends. Germantown is a flourishing and pleasant town, with 5489 inhabitants, containing a bank, some manufactures, &c. The other most important places in Pennsylvania are Lancaster city, Harrisburg, Reading, Easton, and Pottsville, in the castern section of the State; in the western are Pittsburgh, Beaver, &c.

The city of Lancaster, 63 miles west of Philadelphia, pleasantly situated in the fertile and highly cultivated Conestoga valley, is one of the handsomest in the State: the streets are regular, and among the public buildings are 19 churches; an academy, &c. Its trade is extensive, and the manufactures various and considerable; it is noted for the superior quality of its rifice, coaches, rail-road care, stockings, saddlery, &c. The population amounts to 8417. Lancaster is connected with Philadelphia and Harrisburg by rail-roads, and with the Susquebanna, below Columbia, by a canal.

Harrisburg, the capital of the State, stands on the left bank of the Susquehanns. The State-house is a neat and commodious building, from the cupols of which is one of the finest panoramic views in the United States. Here are also a court-house, and a number of churches. Population in 1840, 5960. Beyond the Susquehanna are the thriving towns of Carliale and Chambersburg; the former containing 4351, and the latter 4030 inhabitants. Carliale is the seat of Dickinton College.

Reading, about 50 miles north-west from Philadelphis, is a prosperous towar on the left bank of the Schuylkill, and at the termination of the Union canal. The town was laid out in 1746 by Thomas and Richard Penn, governors, and proprietors of the province; it is regularly built; and was originally settled by German; several newspapers are atill printed in that language, though English is generally understood. More than 50,000 dozen wool hats have been manufactured here in a year, for the southern and western markets; nails are also made to a considerable extent. Population, 8410.

Easton, at the confluence of the Lehigh and the Delaware, and the termination of the Morris canal, is one of the most flourishing inland towns in the State. In its immediate neighbourhood are numerous flour-mille, oll-mills, saw-mills, &c. The situation is highly picturesque, and it contains 2 banks, 5 churches, and La Rayette College, founded in 1839, which has 154 students. The population in 1840 was 4865. Pottsville is situated in a wild district on the Schuylkill, in the midst of the coal region. It contains many Landsome dwellings, and its population, which in 1825 did not exceed 300, amounted in 1840 to 4345. Mauch Chunk, first settled in 1831, is also built on very broken ground; but, in addition to the coal trade, it enjoys the advantage of an extensive water-power, which is used for manufacturing purposes; and its population at present exceeds 1800. Wilkesbarre stands in the delightful valley of Wyoming, whose rural beauty neaceful shades, once stained with blood and desolated with fire, have been consecrated by the deathless muse. The population of Wilkesbarre in 1840 was 1718.

Pitteburg, the principal city of Western Pennsylvania, is built at the junction of the Monongahela and the Alleghany. The city proper includes only the tract between the rivers; but, as the towns of Alleghanytown, Birmingham, e.c., rselly form a part of Pitteburg, they must properly be included in its description. Penhaps its site is unrivalled in the world, commanding a navigation of about 50,000 miles, which gives it access to the most fertile region on the face of the globs, surrounded by inexhaustible beds of the most useful minerals. Connected by artificial works which top the great natural barrier on the cast, with the three principal cities of the Atlantic border on one side; and by others, not less extensive, with those great inland seas that already bear on their bosoms the trade of industrious millions, Pittsburg is doubtless destined to become one of the most important centres of population, industry and wealth, in the United States. The oppulation of the piace, in 1800, was about 1600; in 1630, 10,000; in 1830, 19,568; and, according to the census of 1840, 21,115. There are here 90 large

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In the district to the south of Pittaburg, Washington, Brownsville, and Union, are thriving towns. Canonsburg is the seat of Jefferson College. Below Pittaburg is the borough of Beaver, at the mouth of Beaver river; in the vicinity are several small but thriving towns, which are indebted for their prosperity to the great water-power afforded by £.5 falls of that stream. Numerous mills and manufacturing establishments have recently been erected on both sides of the river, and the whole population of the neighbourhood is about 5000. The falls are 5 miles from the Ohio river; their descent is about 69 feet. Fallston and New Brighton at their foot, and Brighton and Sharon lower down, are all within

a short distance from each other.

Erio, or the lake of the same name, is important on account of its harbour, which is partected by several piers. This place is increasing rapidly, and bids fair to become of considerable commercial importance. By the completion of the Erie extension of the Pennsylvania canal, it is now connected with Pittsburg, on the Ohio river. Population, 3419.

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STATE OF DELAWARE.

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This boundaries of this State are, on the north, Pennsylvania; on the south, Maryland; on the cast, Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean; and, on the west, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The extent from north to south is 90 miles; from east to west, 95 miles; area

In square miles, 2120. The principal streams, besides the Delaware, which forms a part of its boundary, are Brandywine creek, Christiana creek, Duck creek, Mispillion creek, and Indian, Choptank, and Nanticoke rivers.

The general aspect of Delaware is that of an extended plain, mostly favourable for cultivation. On the table-land forming the dividing ridge between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, is a chain of swamps, from which the waters descend likesten is Chesapeake and in the other to Delaware Bay. The upper in one direction to Chesapeake, and in the other to Delaware Bay. The upper part of the State is generally a fine tract of country, and well adapted to the growing of wheat and other grains. The staple commodity, however, is wheat, which is produced of a superior quality. Brandywine creek, in the upper part of the State, furnishes water-power for great and growing manufacturing establishment. ments. The chief articles are flour, cottons, woollens, paper, and gunpowder. Delaware contains but few minerals; in the county of Sussex, and smong the branches of the Nanticoke, are large quantities of bog iron-ore, well adapted for easting; but it is not wrought to any extent.

The population of Delaware in 1790 was 59,094; in 1800, 64,279; in 1810, 79,674; in 1820, 72,749; in 1830, 76,739; in 1840, 79,085. Of these, 2605 were slaves; 39,259 were white males; 29,302, white females; 8626, free coloured males; 6293, free coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 16,015; in commerce, 467; in manufactures and trades, 4060; navigating the ocean, 401; navigating rivers and canals, 235; in the learned professions and engineers, 199.

In this State there were, in 1840, 14,421 hereof and healer; 58,833 here cattle; 39,247 sheep; 74,928 swine; poultry was valued at \$47,955. There were produced, 315,165 bushels of wheat; 35,546 of rys; 8,099,355 of Indian corn; 927,405 of cats; 5980 of barley; 11,999 of bushwheat, and 900,713 of pointoes; 29,483 tons of hay; 64,494 pounds of wool; 1458 of silk coccons. The product of the dairy sincounted to \$113,936; and of the orchard, to \$38,911. The exports in 1840 amounted to \$37,001, and the imports to \$889. Capital Suppleyed in the fisheries, \$170,000.

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The manufactures of Delaware are more extensive than its commerce. Home-made or family goods were produced to the amount of \$63,116; 9 woollen factories produced articles to the amount of \$332,372, employing a capital of \$107,000; 11 cotton factories produced articles to the value of \$332,372, employing a capital of \$330,500; 15 tanneries employed a capital of \$93,300; 75 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., manufactured articles to the amount of \$166,037, employing a capital of \$161,630; 37 powder-mills manufactured 2,100,000 pounds of gunpowder, employing a capital of \$930,000; 91 flouring-mills manufactured 76,194 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$737,971, employing a capital of \$931,160; ships were built to the amount of \$35,400. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$1,589,912.

There is but one college in the State—Newark College, at Newark, founded in 1833; it has 100 students, and a library of 3500 volumes. There were, in 1840, 30 academies in the State, with 761 students, and 152 primary and common schools, with 6924 scholars; there were in the State 4832 white persons, above the age of 20, who could neither read nor write:

Of the principal religious denominations, the Presbyterians, in 1836, had 16 ministers; the Methodists, 15; the Episcopalians, 6 ministers; the Baytists had 9 churches, and 5 ministers; the Reman Catholics had 2 ministers. There were also some few Friends.

Several important works of internal improvement have been completed. The Chesapeake and Delaware canal commences at Delaware city, on the Delaware river, and extends 14 miles to Back creek, a tributary of Elk river. It is 60 fast wide at the top, and 10 feet deep; has two lift and two tide-looks, 100 feet by 22 feet in the chamber; completed in 1829, and coat \$2,750,000. It is navigable for alcope and steamboats. The New Castle and Frenchtown rail-road extends from New Castle, on the Delaware, 35 miles below Philadelphia, to Frenchtown, on the Elk river, which enters Chesapeake Bay. It is 164 miles, and connects with steamboats on the Delaware and Chesapeake.

The city of Wilmington, pleasantly situated near the junction of the Brandywine and Christiana, is a well-built, growing town, and the most important in the State. It contains an arsenal, hospital, 16 churches, &c., and is supplied with water by water-works on the Brandywine. Its trade is considerable, and it sends several ships to the whate-fishery. In the immediate vicinity there are about 100 mills and manufactories, producing flour, paper, iron-ware, powder, and cotton and woollen goods; the Brandywine flour-mills are among the most extensive in the United States. Population in 1840, 8367. New Castle, below Wilmington, is at the eastern termination of the rail-road to Frenchtown; it contains about 1900 inhabitants. Dover, the seat of government, contains the State-house, and about 600 inhabitants. Lewistown is a village near Cape Henlopen, in front of which has been erected the Delaware Breakwater. The work consists of two piers, an ice-breaker 1500 feet in length, and a breakwater 3600 feet long; seet, \$2,218,950.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

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ManyLand is bounded north by Pennsylvania and Delaware; east by Delaware and the Atlantic; south-west and west by Virginia. Length 196 miles, and 190 miles in breadth; area in square miles 10,950, in acres 7,008,000. The principal rivers are the Potomac, which divides it from Virginia; the Susque-

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The muritime part of this State is penetrated far into the interior by Chesspake Rey, as a vast river dividing it into two distinct portions, called the eastern and western shores. These shores include a level, low, and alluvial country, intersected by tide-water rivers and creeks, and, like the same tracts of country farther south, are subject to intermittents. Above the tide-waters, the land again becomes agreeably undulating. Beyond this commence the Alleghany mountains, with their numerous ridges; the valleys between them are of a loamy and rich soil, yielding fine wheat and all the productions of the middle, together with some of those of the southern States. The national road passes through the wide and fertile valleys in which Frederick and Hagerstown are aituated, being broad belts of the same admirable soil which is seen in Lancaster country, Pennsylvania. Among these mountains and hills the ait is elastic, the climate calubrious, and the waters clear and transparent.

In manufactures and commerce, Maryland sustains a very respectable rank; numerous woollen and cotton-mills, copper and iron rolling-mills, are established in and near Baltimore, and are also scattered over other parts of the State. Flour and tobacco are the staple productions; the exports of the former are very great, and, of the latter, the product is considerable and of excellent quality. The herring and shad fisheries are actively carried on, and yield valuable returns, constituting an important article of trade, as well as of home consumption; the commerce of Maryland is extensive, and her ports serve as the outlets of large tracts of productive country in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the western States, whose consumption is also in part supplied through the same channels.

The population in 1790 was 319,798; in 1800, 345,994; in 1810, 380,546; in 1830, 407,350; in 1830, 446,913; in 1840, 469,239, of whom 89,495 were alaves. Of the free population, 158,636 were white males, and 159,061 white females; 39,173 were coloured males, and 39,847 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 60,651; in commerce, 3949; in manufactures and trades, 21,325; in mavigating the cosen, 791; in navigating canals, rivers, &c., 1519; in the learned professions, 1647.

There were in the State, in 1840, 99,890 horses and mules; 935,714 neat cattle; 267,923 sheep; 416,343 swine; poultry was raised to the value of \$218,765. There were produced, 3,345,763 bushels of wheat; 733,677 of rye; 8,933,066 of Indian corn; 73,606 of buckwheat; 3564 of barley; 3,534,211 of cate; 1,036,433 of potatoes; 488,901 pounds of wool; 24,816,013 of tobacco; 5673 of cotton; 2390 of silk cocoms; 36,266 of sagar; 106,687 tons of hay. The products of the dairy amounted to 455,456; of the orehard, to \$105,740; of lumber, to 2966,977; and 7585 gallens of wine were made. The exports of this State in 1840 amounted to \$5,768,768, and the imports to \$4,910,745.

Of the principal manufactures, home-made or family articles amounted to \$176,050; 39 fulling-mills and 29 woollen manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$325,900, employing a capital of \$11,7630; 21 cotton manufactories produced articles to the value of \$1,150,560, employing a capital of \$1,304,400; 19 furnaces produced 8876 tons of cast-iron, and 17 furnaces produced 7901 tons of bear-iron, and employed a capital of \$795,660; 73 distilleries produced 7901 tons of beer, the whole employing a capital of 185,790; 408 saddleries and other manufactories of leather produced articles to the amount of \$1,050,376, employing a capital of \$434,187; 189 flour-mills produced 446,708 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$3,967,250, and employed a capital of \$4,069,671; ships were built to the amount of \$379,771; capital employed in the fisheries, \$88,947. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures in this State was \$6,450,384.

St. John's College, at Annapolis, was founded in 1784. St. Mary's College, at Baltimore, was founded by the Roman Catholics, in 1799. The Baltimore Medical School, founded in 1807; and in 1919 there were added to it the faculties of general science, law, and divinity, and it received the name of the University

of Maryland. Mos. 1 St. Mary's College was established at Emmettabus, in 1880, by the Roman Catholics. These institutions had, in 1840, 400 students. There were in the State 137 academies, or grammar-echools, with 4178 students; and 507 common and primary schools, with 16,983 scholars. In this State there were, in 1840, 11,606 white persons, above 90 years of age, who could naither used nor write.

Of religious denominations, the Roman Catholics are the most numerous. They have an archbishop, who is metropolitan of the United States, and 60 churches. The Episcopalians have 77 ministers; the Presbyterians have 25 ministers; the Baltimore Methodist conference, which extends into neighbouring State, has 173 travelling preachers; the Baptists have 20 ministers; the German Reformed have 9 ministers. There are also Lutherans, Friends, Unitariums, &c.

Two of the greatest works of internal improvement in the United States have been projected and commences at Georgetown, D. C., and is designed to extend 341½ miles to Pittsburg. This is the work of a joint-stock company, chartered by the States of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and sanctioned by Congress. It was commenced in 1828, and is completed to Hancock, 136 miles. Considerable work has been done between this and Cumberland, where a spacious basin is in process of erection. It is extended 7½ miles to Alexandria, on the southern part. A completion to Cumberland will open a vast and rich coal region. The Baltimore and Ohio rail-road is designed to extend from Baltimore to the Ohio river at Wheeling, 360 miles, and is the second great work. It was incorporated by the legislatures of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, in 1837, and commenced July 4th, 1828. It is completed from Baltimore to Cumberland. There is a side-cut over 2½ miles to Fredrick. A rail-road extends across the State, passing through Baltimore, and which forms part of the great chain from New York and Philadelphia to Washington. This road proceeds on the Baltimore and Ohio rail-road, 8 miles, from the former place. The Baltimore and Susquehanna rail-road extends 66 miles from Baltimore to York, Ps. A rail-road 193 miles long extends from the Baltimore and Washington rail-road to Annapolis. A rail-road extends from Frenchtown to New Castle, Del., connecting the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. The same is effected by a canal extending from Back creek, a tributary of Elk river, to Delaware city, on the Delaware, 42 miles below Philadelphia. It is 66 feet wide at the top, 10 feet deep, and affords a passage to vessels requiring that depth of water.

Baltimore, the principal city of the State, and, in point of population, the third in the Union, stands on an arm of Patapaco Bay, about 14 miles from the Chesapaske, and 200 from the sea, by the ship channel. The harbour is capacious and safe, and consists of an inner basin, into which vessels of 200 tons can enter, and an outer harbour, at Fell's Point, accessible to the largest merchant-ships. The entrance is commanded and defended by Fort M'Henry. Baltimore possesses nearly the whole trade of Maryland, that of part of Western Virginia and Peansylvania, and the Western States; and its inland communication has been extended and facilitated by the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio rail-road. Manufactures of cotton, woollen, paper, powder, chemicals, pottery, &c., are also carried on in the city and neighbourhood. Baltimore is the greatest flour, market in the world; in 1840, there were inspected 764,115 barrels, and 31,606 half barrels of flour. Its tonnage in 1840 was 76,029. The foreign trade employed a capital of \$4,404,500; the retail trade, \$6,708,611; and the manufactures, \$2,729,983. Baltimore has 9 banks, with an aggregate capital of \$2,500,000, and 9 insurance companies. The public buildings are 105 churches, 2 hospitals, 2 theatres, a circus, museum, penitentiary, exchange, the college and university halls, &c. The Battle Monument, erected in memory of the successful defance of the city, when attacked by the British in 1814, is an elegant marble obelish, 35 feet high, on which are insorbed the names of those who fell in that gallant affair. The Washington Monument is the most splendid structure of the kind in the country; it is a Doric column of white marble, with a circular staircuse inside, by which you accent to the top; the column is 180 feet in height, and 20 feet in

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Tum is a territory of ten miles square, under the immediate government of Congress, and therefore is not represented in that body. It is divided into two counties and three cities, the counties and cities being separate. The cities are Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown; the counties, Washington and Alexandria. This district lies on both sides of the Potomac, 120 miles from its mouth, between Maryland and Virginia, and was ceded to the general government by those States in 1790. The population of the District amounted, in 1840, to 43,712, of which 4694 were slaves, and 8361 free blacks.

The city of Washington was laid out, under the superintendence of the great man whose name it bears, in 1791, and became the seat of government in the year 1800. It stands in the centre of the District, upon the north bank of the Potomac.

1800. It stands in the centre of the District, upon the north bank of the Potomac, between the river and the East Branch, one of its tributaries. The plan of the city combines regularity with variety, and is adapted to the variations of the surface, so that the spaces allotted to public buildings occupy commanding posi-tions, and the monotonous sameness of a rectangular design is avoided, while all tions, and the monotonous sameness of a rectangular design is avoided, while all its advantages are secured. The minor streets run at right angles, but the larger avenues diverge from several centres, intersecting the streets with various degrees of obliquity, and opening spaces for extensive squares. The smaller streets run north and south, east and west, and are from 90 to 110 feet wide. The grand avenues are from 130 to 160 feet in width, and are planted with trees. Several of the largest unite at the hill on which the Capitol is situated. These bear the names of the several States of the Union.

Washington is the residence of the President of the United States, and of the other chief executive officers of the Federal Government, and of foreign ministere to the United States. Congress meets here annually on the first Monday of December, and the Supreme Federal Court halds its annual sessions here.

The population of the city is 23,364, including 4806 free blacks, and 1713 aven; but, during the session of Congress, the city is throughd with visitors on all parts of the world. The buildings which it contains are in three distinct parts; one portion being in the neighbourhood of the navy-yard, another in that

On itself to the President's house. The Capital and the Resident's house.

The Capital is a large and magnificent building of freestons, \$62 feet long the shape of a cross, with the Representatives' Hall and the Senate Chambet the two wings, and a specious rotunds in the centre. The Hall of Representatives is semicircular, 95 feet in length, and 60 in height, lighted from the top is one of the most elegant halls in the world. The Senate Chamber is of same shape, and 74 feet long. The rotunds is 96 feet in diameter, and is of high to the top of the dome within. It is all of marble, and the floor is be high to the top of the dome within. It is all of marble, and the floor is beautifully paved; the whole has a most grand and imposing effect. Several pieces of sculpture are placed in niches in the walls, representing events in American history. The sound of a single voice uttered in this apartment is school from the dome above with a rumbling like distant thunder. The National Library ned in the Capitel, and embraces also a series of national paintings by

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The President's house, also of freestone, is two stories high, with a bolty beasment, and it has a front of 180 feet, adorned with an lonic portions it is surrounded. ment, and it has a front of 180 feet, adorned with an lonic portion; it is surrounded by extensive grounds. On each side are the four offices of the executive departments; on the west are the War and Navy, and on the east the State and Treasury departments. The General Post-office, recently built of marble, is situated about half-way between the President's house and the Capitol; near it is the Patent Office, a handsome edifice of freestone, the upper part of which is occupied by the National Institute. There are also here an areenal and a navy-yard, with a city hall, an hospital, penitentiary, incane anylum, 21 churches, the halls of Columbia College, &c. A branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio estal terminates in the city.

Georgetown is about three miles west of the Capitol, and is pleasantly situated, commanding a prospect of the river, the neighbouring city, and the diversified country in the vicinity. The houses are chiefly of brick, and there are many elegant villas in different parts. The Catholic College here is a respectable institugant villas in different parts. The Catholic College here is a respectable insulation. Georgetown is a thriving place, and has considerable commence; but the navigation of the river is obstructed by a bar just below the town; here is also a cannon foundery, 4 banks, 7 churches, &c. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal commences at this place. Population, 7319. The city of Alexandria, six miles below Washington, on the opposite side of the Potomac, carries on an extensive trade in flour, tobacco, &c. The city is regularly laid out; it has a good harbour, with commodious wharves, and is accessible to the largest ships. Here are a High School, a girls' boarding-school, under the charge of the Sisters of Charity, an Orshau Asvlum. 10 churches, several tanneries, angine manufactories, found an Orphan Asylum, 10 churches, several tanneries, engine manufactories, form deries, cotton-mills, &c. Population, 8459. A branch of the Chesapeaker and Ohio Canal extends from Georgetown to this place. ar

SOUTHERN STATES.

THE States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, are those usually termed the Southern States: the whole region extends from the Potomac to the Sabine river: its counts are washed on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico.

The area of the whole region is about 420,000 square miles.

The tract of country in the Southern States bordering on the Atlantic, is a low

sandy plain, from 50 to 100 miles broad, and, in general, govered with pine fore Beyond this, towards the Alleghanies, it becomes elevated and hilly, and then mountainous. Those portions of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisians, which berder on the Gulf of Mexico, are low and level. In the interior they are diversified, and in some parts mountainous. The low countries in all the Southern States are mostly barren, except on the borders of rivers, where the seil is very fertile.

The inhabitants of the Southern States are nearly all occupied with agricul-The commerce, which is extensive, is principally in the hands of foreign

se of their northern countrymen, and carried on in northern vessels. The at staples of this region are cotton, rice, sugar, and tebacce: nearly the whole the cotton crop of the United States is raised here, which, with rice and sugar, of the cotton crop of the United States is raised here, which, with rice and esgar, is confined to its southern section: in the northern the principal productions are tobasco, wheat, and corn: in the low regions of the Carolinas, pitch-pine grows great perfection; and tar, pitch, turpentine, and immber, are the staples of these district. Gold is almost exclusively confined to the upper and middle portions of this region, and is new so extensively found as to have become an object of

mal importance

The rivers of the Southern States, south of Chesapeake Buy, are generally distinguished by sluggish currents, and sand-bars at their mouths. Although there is no stream, exclusively belonging to this section of the Union, that can be ranked in point of extent with the great rivers of the country, there are several which, in point or extent with the great rivers of the country, there are several which, from the length of their course and the volume of waters which they flow, would in other countries be considered as large streams; and there are not a few which furnish useful navigable channels.

The population is chiefly of English descent, but is in some places somewhat mixed. There are many descendants of the French and Spanish, particularly in Louisians and Florids. In Louisians the French language is extensively spoken, and the laws and some of the newspaners are negated both in that toness and in

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English.

The negroes, who form more than two-fifths of the population, constitute a separate class, and are mostly held in slavery. The Indians were formerly numerous and comprised several powerful tribes, but they have mostly emigrated westward. A few Cherokees, Chectaws, and Chickseaws, still remain, but are

beyond the Mississippi.
The inhabitants of the Southern States are seldom collected together in villages and towns, like their northern countrymen, but live in a scattered manner over the country. This is in a measure owing to the predominance of agriculture over commercial and mechanical occupations, but principally to the circumstance that the bulk of the lebour is performed by slaves. Instead of small proprietors tilling their little farm with their own hands, we here find extensive plantations cultivated under the direction of the owner or his agent, who merely attends to the pecuniary affairs, directs the operations and oversees the labourers. This state of things has a decided influence upon the manners and character of the people, yet there are individual differences so great that no general description will apply equally to the Virginian, the Carolinian, and the Louisianian. Generosity, great hespitality, a high sense of honour, and a manly independence of thought and conduct, are among the favourable traits of the southern character. The poorer class of whites are in general less frugal and industrious, and enjoy fewer advantages in respect to education and religious instruction than the same class in the Northern States. Population of the Southern States, in 1840, 4,648,991, of whom, 1,944,748 were slaves, and 119,710 free blacks,

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Nature has bestowed on Virginia advantage of position, soil, climate, and navi-ATTURE RES DESERVES ON VIRGINIA advantage of position, soil, climate, and navigable rivers. She is often distinguished by the title of the Ancient Dominion, purchashly from the circumstance of her having been the first settled of the colonies.

1. State is bounded on the north by Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; south by Arolina and Tennessee; east by Maryland and the Atlantic Ocean, and Arolina and Tennessee; east by Maryland and the Atlantic Ocean, and Arolina and Tennessee; east by Maryland and the Atlantic Ocean, and Arolina and Tennessee; from north to south, 290 miles; from the Arolina and Tennessee of Virginia is penetrated by fine rivers and streams, useful either the Arolina and Tennessee. fe ag tri th ca \$7 ry 13 of co sal

the Potonics: of virginity is penetrated by the rivers and streams, useful enterty of nevigation, or for mechanical purposes. The principal rivers are the Potonics; Shenandoah, James, Rappahannock, Mattapony, Pamunky, York, Rivanna, Appennattox, Elisabeth, Nottoway, Meherrin, Staunton, Ohio, Sandy, Great Kanawhe, Little Kanawha, and the Monongahein and its principal branches.

The Alleghamy reage of mountains, with its numerous ridges, covers the whole middle section of this State, and gives it a rugged surface. The country cast of the mountains descends gradually to the flat and sandy allavion of the coast. The district west of the mountains is hilly. The soil varies greatly, being sandy and sterile on the coast, very fertile on the banks of rivers, and productive in the valleys of the Alleghanies. The climate is equally varied, being het, moist, and unbealthy in the lower alluvial country, and cool and salubrious among the mountains. To the productions common to the northern and middle sections of the Union, this State adds the sweet-potato, the finest tobacco, and in the southern parts coaten as a crep. The productions of the north and the seath, applies and wheat, cotton and tobacco, meet here as in Tennessee in the western country. The temperature, coll, and circumstances, are supposed to be favourable in the night set degree to the cultivation of the grape and the silk mulberry.

"the mineral wealth of Virginia is boundless; gold, copper, lead, iron, coal, salt, limestone, maris, gypsum, magnesian, copperas, and alum earths, thermal, chalybeate, and sulphuretted springs, excellent marbles, granites, scopesones and sandstones, &c., are among the treasures as yet for the most part lying idle in the bowels of the earth. Mining industry has, however, recently taken a start, and will doubtless soon afford profitable employment to many of the inhabitants.

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Vast fields of coal exist in Virginia, both of the bituminous and authracite kinds; of the former, great beds have been found spreading over an extent of many miles, in which the seams are sometimes 30, 40, and even 60 feet thick, and of excellent quality. Coal has been mined and exported in considerable quantities from the vicinity of Richmond, for many years past. Iron ore exists also in vast quantities, in various parts; in some places it is found between immense layers of coal.

Salt springs occur at various places; at some of which works for manufacturing the water into salt have been erected: the most important are on the Great Kanawha river, in the vicinity of Charleston. The quantity made here is about 1,500,000 bushels annually; 70 gallons of brine yielding I bushel of salt. Virginia contains a profusion of mineral springs, of great and various virtues, many of which have acquired much reputation for their medicinal properties, and same of them are much resorted to:

The population in 1790 was 747,610; in 1800, 886,149; in 1810, 974,629; in 1890, 1,065,366; in 1830, 1,311,979; in 1840, 1,339,797; of whom 448,987 were slaves. Of the free population, 371,323 were white males; 369,745 white females; 23,814 were coloured males; 26,090 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 318,771; in mining, 1995; in commerce, 6361; in manufactures and trades, 54,147; in mayigating the cosan, 562; do. canale, rivers, &c., 2953; in the learned professions, 3866.

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There were in the State, in 1840, 396,439 mules and horses; 1,094,148 neat cattle; 1,993,772 sheep; 1,993,155 swine. Poultry was rated to the value of \$754,698. There were produced, 10,109,716 bushels of wheat; 1,492,799 of rye; 87,430 of barley; 243,929 of buckwheat; 34,577,591 of Indian corn; 13,457,069 of cats; 2,944,660 of potatoes; 2,538,374 pounds of wool; 75,347,106 of tobacco; 2956 of rice; 3,494,483 of cotton; 1,541,833 of sugar; 3191 of silk cocoons; 364,708 tons of hay; 25,594 of hemp and flax; 1,500,000 bushels of salt. The products of the dairy were valued at \$1,480,488; of the orchard, at \$705,765; of lumber, at \$538,092; and 13,911 gallons of wine were made.

The exports of the State for the year ending September 30th, 1841, were

85,630,286, and the imports were \$337,237. The tonnage entered was 34,275

and the tonnage cleared was 33,343.

The manufactures of Virginia are not so extensive as those of many States inferior to it in territory and population. Home-made or family manufactures amounted, in 1840, to \$8,441,672; 47 fulling-mills and 41 woollen manufactories employed a capital of \$112,350, and produced articles to the amount of \$147,799; \$2 cotton manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$446,063, with a capital of \$1,299,920; 42 furnaces produced 18,810 tons of cast-iron, and 52 forges produced 5886 tons of bar-iron, employing a capital of \$1,246,650; 11 smelting houses produced gold to the amount of \$51,758, employing a capital of \$103,560; 5 smelting houses produced 878,648 pounds of lead, with a capital of \$21,500; 13 paper-mills produced articles to the amount of \$216,245; 3342 persons manufactured tobacco to the amount of \$2,406,671, employing a capital of \$1,526,080; 764 flouring-mills produced 1,041,526 barrels of flour, and with other mills produced articles to the amount of \$7,855,499, employing capital to the amount of \$5,184,669; vessels were built to the amount of \$136,807; capital employed in the fisheries, \$28,383. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures in the State, was \$11,360,861.

William and Mary's College, at Williamsburg, is the oldest in the State, and one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1691; Hampden Sydney College, in Prince Edward county, was founded in 1783, and is flourishing; Washington College, at Lexington, was founded in 1812; Randolph Macon College, at Boydtown, was founded in 1839. There are theological schools at Richmond, in Prince Edward and Fairfax counties. The most important literary institution in the State is the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, founded in 1819. In the above colleges, and a few others, there were, in 1840, 1097 students; there were in the State, 389 academies, with 11,083 students; and 1561 common and primary schools, with 35,331 scholars. There were in the State, 58,787 white persons over 20 years of age who could neither read nor write.

The Baptists, the most numerous religious denomination, had, in 1836, 435 churches, 261 ministers, and 54,302 communicants; the Methodists had 168 ministers and 41,763 communicants; the Presbyterians had 117 churches, 90 ministers, and 11,413 communicants; the Episcopalians had one bishop, one assistant bishop, 65 ministers, and about 3000 communicants; the Lutherans had 24 congregations and 7 ministers; the Reformed Baptists (Campbellites) had about 10,000 communicants; the Roman Catholics had 10 congregations; the

Unitarians had one minister; there were also some Friends and Jews.

Virginia has undertaken several important works of internal improvement, by chartering private companies, which have been aided liberally by the State. The Dismal Swamp Canal connects Chesapeake Bay with Albermarie Sound, extend-ing from Deep Creek, a tributary of the former, to Joyce's Creek, a branch of Pasquotank river, of Albermarie Sound, 93 miles long. It has branches of 11 miles. A canal extends along James river, from Richmond to Lynchburg; and this communication is designed to be extended by canal and rail-road to the Ohio river, by the Great Kanawha. No other spot between New York and Georgia presents an equally favourable country for a line of communication across the Alleghany mountains. The whole length will be about 425 miles. A rail-road extends from the Potomac river, at the mouth of the Aquia Creek, to Fredericksburg, and thence to Richmond, in the whole 75 miles. It proceeds from Richmond to Petersburg, 93 miles, and from Petersburg to Weldon, on the Roanoke river, 59 miles, where it unites with the rail-road to Wilmington, N. C. A rail-road proceeds from a point on the Fredericksburg and Richmond road, north-west to Gordonaville, 50 miles. A rail-road extends from Petersburg to City Point, 19 miles. Another extends from Winchester 32 miles to Harper's Ferry, where it unites with the Baltimore and Ohio rail-road. Greensville rail-road connects the Petersburg and Roanoke rail-road with the Raleigh and Gaston rail-road, N. C., extending from Hicksford, 18 miles to Gaston. The Chesterfield rail-road, 13 extending from Hicksford, 18 miles to Gaston. The Chesterfield rail-road, 13 miles long, extends from the Chesterfield coal-basin to tide-water in James river, at Manchester, opposite Richmond.

Richmond, the capital of the State, and its principal city, stands on several

minences, which command fine views of the surrounding country, and give to the city an air of singular beauty. The western division occupies a high plain called Shockoe Hill, overlooking the lower town, and containing a beautiful square of about ten acree, which is adorned with fine shade trees, and laid out in gravelled walks; here, in a commanding situation, stands the Capitol or State-House, one of the most elegant structures in the United States, containing a statue of Washington by Houdon; and contiguous to it is the City Hall, a neat edifice of the Doric order. The other public buildings are the Armory, Pententiary, 16 churches, a theatre, &c. The city is supplied with pure water from three reservoirs, each containing 1,000,000 gallons, and filled by two pumps, which raise at the rate of 800,000 gallons in the 24 hours. Richmond is 110 miles from the mouth of the river, which carries 15 feet of water to within a few miles of the city, and affords boat navigation for 220 miles above the falls. These advantages enable it to carry on an extensive trade, both inland and by sea; the annual value of the exports being about 6,000,000 dollars, in addition to a valuable coasting trade. Large quantities of wheat, flour, tobacco, &c., are brought down by the James River Canal. The falls of the river immediately above the city afford an unlimited water-power, which is largely applied to manufacturing purposes; there are here 21 flouring-mills, making annually 75,000 barrels of flour; an extensive iron-works, with which is connected rolling and slitting mills, and nail factories, besides numerous tobacco factories, a large cotton mill, paper mill, &c. The capital employed in manufacturing, in 1840, amounted to \$1,372,950. Population, in 1840, 21,163. Manchester, on the south side of James river, is connected with Richmond by Mayo's Bridge. It contains several factories, 360 houses, and about 1500 inhabitants. A rail-road extends from this place 13 miles westward, to the coal-mines, which yield a million bushels of coal annually.

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The principal sea-port of this State is Norfolk, which is situated on the Elizabeth river, eight miles from Hampton Roads. Its harbour is deep and capacious, easy of access, and perfectly secure; the Road, an expansion of James river just above its mouth, affords the finest anchorage in the world, and is capable of containing its united navies. The entrance, between Old Point Comfort and a sandbar called the Rip Raps, is rather more than a mile in width, and is defended by Fort Monroe and Fort Calhoun. The favourable situation of Norfolk, in regard to the sea, and its connexion with the interior by means of the Dismal Swamp Canal and the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail-road, have made it the chief commercial depôt of Virginia, and, in 1840, 19,079 tons of shipping belonged to the port. The town is built on low ground, and the neighbourhood is marshy; the principal streets are well paved and clean, but the others are less commodious and more irregular. The buildings are not distinguished for elegance, but some improvements have been made of late years in this respect. There are 8 churches, 3 banks, a marine hospital, a theatre, lyoeum, &c., and a population of 10,930. At Gosport, in Portsmouth, on the opposite side of the river, is one of the most important navy-yards of the United States, containing a magnificent dry-dock, of hewn granite, constructed at a cost of 974,356 dollars. Population of Portsmouth, 6500. Suffolk is a thriving little town to the south-west, with 1500 inhabitants; it stands on the Nansemond river, and is accessible to vessels of 100 tons.

Petersburg, on the right bank of the Appemattox river, is a handsome and flourishing town, with 11,136 inhabitants, combining an active trade in cotton, flour, and tobacco, with manufacturing industry. Vessels drawing seven feet of water come up to the town, but large ships unload at City Point, at the mouth of the river. The falls of the Appemattox furnish ample water-power, and there are here several cotton-mills, merchant flour-mills, grist, and saw-mills, rope-walks, woollen factory, &c. Some distance, above Petersburg, and also on the Appemattox river, is Farmville, a flourishing town, incorporated in 1839; it contains 2 large tobacco warehouses, 5 tobacco factories, and various mechanic shops. Population about 1000.

North-west from Richmond, and on the Rivanna river, is Charlottesville, with about 1000 inhabitants. It is pleasantly situated in a charming valley, and derives its interest from its being the seat of the Virginia University. The halls of this valuable institution form a fine collection of buildings. Three miles from Char-

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lottesville is Monticello, the seat of the late President Jefferson. The mansion ecoupies a lofty summit of the South-West Mountain, 500 feet above the Rivanna, and commands a view of the Blue Ridge on the west, and of the low country as far as the eye can reach on the east. A simple granite obelisk over the grave of Jefferson bears this inscription, written by himself: Thomas Jefferson, Author of Jefferson bears this inscription, written by himself: Thomas Jefferson, Author of Jefferson of Independence, and Founder of the University of Virginia. Nearly west from Richmond, and 190 miles distant, is Lynchburg, situated on the southern bank of James river. It is a neat and flourishing town, carrying on an active trade, and containing some manufactories. The water-power afforded by the river is partially employed in propelling a cotton-mill, and several saw and flour-mills; and there are here tanneries, tobacco factories, &c. Several handsome packet-boats ply daily on the river, between this place and Richmond. The town is supplied with water from a reservoir containing 400,000 gallons, fed by a double forcing-pump, and placed at such an elevation as to throw a copious stream over the tops of the houses. Lynchburg is one of the largest tobacco markets in the world; from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds are inspected annually. Population, 6395. Danville, on the Dan river, which is navigable by boats some distance above, is a flourishing village, with 1900 inhabitants; its position commands some trade, and there are some manufactories here.

its position commands some trade, and there are some manufactories here. The Great Valley Section consists of an elevated table-land between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghany chain, from 1200 to 1500 feet above the sea. It is, however, traversed by several mountain chains, forming numerous subordinate valleys, at once fertile and picturesque, and constituting a region of singular wildness and beauty. Its rare combination of great agricultural resources with extraordinary mineral riches, must one day render it the seat of a populous and wealthy community. At the lower end of the valley stands the town of Harper's Ferry, celebrated for the majestic scenery in its vicinity. The town has a population of about 2000 inhabitants, and contains three churches, an academy, two Masonic halls, one of the largest flouring-mills in the Union, an Arsenal of the United Stries, containing about 85,000 stands of arms, and an Armory for the manufacture of fire-arms. A rail-road extends from this place to Winchester, one of the most flourishing towns in the State, with 3454 inhabitants. It stands on the site of old Fort Loudon, in the midst of a very rich and highly-cultivated tract, inhabited by an industrious and thriving population. Winchester is the depôt of the surrounding country, and its trade and manufactures are extensive.

Fredericksburg is a flourishing town at the head of navigation on the Rappahannock river, which admits vessels of 140 tons up to the town. Its situation makes it the depôt of a well-cultivated tract, and its trade is considerable. Tobacco, wheat, flour, corn, &c., are the principal articles of exportation. Population, 3974. Falmouth, Port Royal, Tappahannock, and Urbanna, are small villages on the Rappahannock. In Westmoreland county, on the Potomac, is shown the spot where Washington was born; the house, which stood on Pope's creek, about half a mile from the river, on a plantation-called Wakefield, is now in ruins. A simple stone, with the inscription, Here, on the 11th of February 1732, George Washington was born, designates the consecrated spot. Further up the river, eight miles from Alexandria, is Mount Vernon, the seat and the tomb of that great and good man. The mansion-house is a simple wooden building, two stories high, with a plain portice extending the whole length, and commanding a view of the river; the tomb is merely a walled excavation in the bank, with a brick front and closed by an iron door.

Leesburg, a few miles east of the Potomac river, is a neat and thriving town, with about 2000 inhabitants, situated in a productive and highly cultivated district. Fairfax, further south, is a flourishing village, and further on is Barbours-ville, in the vicinity of which are the seat and tomb of the late President Ma-

dison.

In the western part of the State is the city of Wheeling, surrounded by rich coal-beds and a highly fertile country; and, standing at the head of steam-boat navigation on the Chic during the season of low water, is one of the most flourishing trading towns in the country. The population increased from 1567 in 1890, to 7885 in 1840. Over 90 steam-boats are owned here, and great quantities

of goods are forwarded to this point in wagons by the National Road from the east, and by keel-boats, flat-boats, and steamers down the river. Iron-founderies, steam-engine factories, cotton and woollen-mills, glass-houses and cut-glass works, flour, paper, and saw-mills, copperas, white-lead, sheet-lead, and tobacco-manufactories, are among the manufacturing establishments. There are exported from Wheeling annually 1,600,000 bushels of bituminous coal.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NORTH CAROLINA is bounded on the north by Virginia, east by the Atlantic Ocean, south by South Carolina, and west by Tennessee. Length 362 miles, and breadth 121 miles; area, 43,800 square miles. The country, for more than 50 miles from the coast, is a low plain, with many swamps and inlets from the sea. The greater portion of this district, except along the water-courses, is a vast forest of evergreens. The rich lands near the swamps and rivers are insalubrious. Having passed this monotonous region, we emerge to the pleasant and mild parts of the State, at the base of the Alleghanies, from whose summits the eye traverses an immense extent of beautiful country to the west, and vision is lost in an agreeable succession of hill, dale, forest, and valley.

In the western part of the State the Blue Ridge, which forms the separating line between the waters of the Atlantic and the Mississippi, attains an elevation of about 5500 feet. The western boundary of the State is formed by the prolongation of the same ridge; its different parts are known by various local names, one of which, the Black Mountain, has been recently ascertained to be the most lofty in the United States, east of the Rocky Mountains; its height is 6476 feet, or 48 feet more elevated than Mt. Washington: another summit of the Blue Ridge, the Roan Mountain, is 6038 feet in height. The tract between the two ridges is an elevated table-land, from 2000 to 2500 feet above the sea.

North Carolina abounds in considerable rivers, but enjoys few facilities for navigation in proportion to the number and size of the streams, which are shallow or broken in their course, or lose themselves in lagoons difficult of access, or are obstructed by bars. The Chowan flows into Albemarle Sound, and admits small vessels to Murfreesboro'. The Roanoke also empties itself into the same shallow basin. The Tar River and the Neuse both flow into Pamplico Sound: the first is navigable 90 miles, to Tarboro', and the latter to Kingston. Cape Fear river, the principal stream, which has its whole course within the State, rising on the northern border, pursues a south-easterly course of 280 miles, and enters the ocean at Cape Fear; the Waccamaw, the Lumber, and Yadkin, which take the names of the Little and Great Pedee, and the Catawba, which rises in the Blue Ridge, all flow into South Carolina; while the French Broad, Little Timessee, Hiwassee, and New river, descend in an opposite direction from the same range.

The swamps are a striking feature in the eastern part of the State. The Dismal Swamp lies in the north-eastern part and extends into Virginia. It is 30 miles in length and 10 in breadth. In the centre, on the Virginia side, is Lake Drummond, 15 miles in circuit; a canal is carried through it from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound. Between Albemarle and Pamplico Sound is another, called Alligator Swamp; this has been partly drained, and the land rendered fit for the cultivation of rice. These swamps have a clay bottom, over which lies a thick stratum of vegetable compost. The drained lands are found to be exceedingly fertile.

The pine forests of North Carolina, which cover nearly the whole of the eastern part of the State, yield not only much lumber for exportation, but also nearly all the resinous matter used in ship-building in this country. The resinous products are turpentine, spirits of turpentine, rosin, tar, and pitch; turpentine is merely the sap of the tree obtained by making an incision in the bark; the turpentine flows out in drops, which fall into a box placed to receive them.

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Among the mineral productions, the most important appear to be gold and iron.

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asily worked, but the vein mines are the most durable. In almost any part of this district, gold may be found in greater or less abundance. It exists in grains or masses from almost imperceptible particles, to pieces of one or two pounds weight; one of the largest lumps ever found, was dug up in Cabarras county—it was worth between 7 and 8000 dollars. Lumps from the value of 100 or 200 to 1000 dollars, are not uncommon.

The great diversity of climate between the eastern lowlands and the western high country, produces a corresponding diversity in the agricultural productions of the two sections; while the former yields cotton, rice, and indigo, the more northern grains and fruits thrive in the latter, which yields wheat, Indian-corn,

tobacco, and hemp.

The population of North Carolina, in 1790, was 393,754; in 1800, 478,103; in 1810, 555,500; in 1820, 638,829; in 1830, 738,470; in 1840, 753,419; of whom 245,817 were slaves. Of the free population, 240,047 were white males; 244,933 white females; 11,936 were coloured males; 10,505 were coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 217,095; in commerce, 1734; in manufactures and trades, 14,329; in navigating the ocean, 327; do. canals, rivers, &c.,

tures and trades, 14,333; in navigating the ocean, 327; do. canals, rivers, &c., 379; in the learned professions, 1086.

There were in this State, in 1840, 166,608 horses and mules; 617,371 neat cattle; 538,379 sheep; 1,649,716 swine. There were produced, 1,960,885 bushels of wheat; 15,391 of buckwheat; 213,971 of rye; 23,893,763 of Indian-corn; 3574 of barley; 3,193,941 of oats; 2,609,239 of potatoes; 625,044 pounds of wool; 16,772,359 of tobacco; 2,630,388 of rice; 51,926,190 of cotton; 3014 of silk cocoons; 101,369 tons of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$674,349; of the orchard, at \$386,006; of lumber, at \$506,766. There were made 28,759 gallons of wine. The exports of the State, in 1840, amounted to \$387,444, and the imports to \$952,532.

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The amount of home-made or family manufactures, in 1840, was \$1,413,246; 25 cotton manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$438,950; 10 smelting-houses produced gold to the amount of \$255,619; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$38,170; 353 tanneries employed a capital of \$271,979; 240 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$185,387; 393 flouring-mills produced 87,641 barrels of flour, and with other mills produced articles to the amount of \$1,552,096; vessels were built to the amount of \$62,800; 2802 distilleries produced 1,051,979 gallons of spirits; tar, pitch, turpentine and rosin, 593,451 barrels. Amount of capital employed in the fisheries, \$213,500. Total amount employed in manufactures, **83**,838,900.

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The University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, was founded in 1791; Davidson College, in Mecklenburg, founded in 1837. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 158 students. There were in the State 141 academies, with 4398 students; and 632 common and primary schools, with 14,950 scholars. There were in the State 56,609 white persons above the age of 20 who could neither

read nor write.

Of religious denominations, the Methodists and Baptists are the most numerous; they have each about 20,000 communicants; the Presbyterians, about 11,000 communicants. The Episcopalians have a Bishop and 20 ministers; the Lutherans have 18 ministers, 38 congregations, and 1890 communicants. Besides these, there are some Moravians, Friends, and Roman Catholics.

A rail-road extends from Wilmington, 161 miles, to Weldon, on the Roanoke river. Another also extends from Raleigh, 87 miles, to Gaston. These works

unite with others from Virginia. The Dismal Swamp Canal of Virginia, extends into North Carolina, (see Virginia).

Raleigh, the capital of the State, not far from the west bank of the Neuse, is a thriving town with 2244 inhabitants. A fine State-House of granite has been erected here, in place of the one destroyed by fire in 1831, when Canova's statue of Washington was unfortunately ruined. Fayetteville is a busy and flourishing town, at the head of boat navigation on Cape Fear river, with 4285 inhabitants. it contains an United States Armory. Salem, Salisbury, and Charlotte, are small towns in this section. The last mentioned has of late rapidly increased in

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Beaufort, the only port of North Carolina directly upon the sea, admits vessels drawing 19 feet of water, and the harbour is safe and commodious; but the town is inconsiderable. Wilmington, 40 miles from the sea on Cape Fear river, is the most important commercial town of the State, and it carries on a considerable trade with the West Indies. The population is about 4744. Newbers, on the south bank of the river Neuse, 80 miles from Pamplico Sound, is a piace of some commerce, although large vessels cannot come up to the town, and the navigation is tedious and difficult for smaller craft. Population, 3690. Washington and Tarboro', on the Pamplico river, Plymouth and Hallfax, on the Roanoke, Edenton, on the Chowan, and Elizabeth, on the Pasquotank, are small trading towns.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE State of South Carolina is bounded on the north and north-east by North Caroliua, south-east by the Atlantic Ocean, and south-west by Georgia, from which it is separated by the Savannah river; it is in length 188 miles, by 160 in breadth, the area being about 30,000 square miles. The rivers of South Carolina afford some considerable navigable facilities for small river-craft; but, in the lower part of their course, they are shallow, and obstructed by bars. The principal are the Waccamaw, Pedee, Black river, Santee, Cooper, Ashley, Stone,

Edisto, Ashepoo, Combahee, Coosaw, Broad, and Savannah.

The harbours of this State are generally of little value; but the coast presents numerous entrances, which are accessible to small vessels, and which afford advantages for an active coasting trade. The harbour of Charleston is obstructed at the entrance by a dangerous sand-bar, and that of Georgetown will only admit small vessels. The harbour of Beaufort, or Port Royal, is the best in the State, and is sufficient to receive a navy, but is little frequented. St. Helena Sound is the most spacious opening for a great distance along the coast; but, although about three miles wide and ten miles long, it is too much beset with shouls to

be of any great commercial value. The sea-coast is bordered with a fine chain of islands, between which and the shore there is a very convenient navigation. The main land is by nature divided into the lower and upper country. The low country extends 80 or 100 miles from the coast, and is covered with extensive forests of pitch-pine, called pine barrens, interspersed with swamps and marshes of a rich soil; beyond this is the sand-hill region, 60 miles in width, the sterile hills of which have been compared to the arrested waves of the sea in a storm. To this distance the broad extent of country is denominated the lower country; beyond it we approach the ridge, or upper country, the Atlantic ascent of which is precipitous. From the summit stretches a fine belt of table-land, fertile and well cultivated, watered by rivers, and irrigated by smaller streams, extending from the Savannah to Broad river. The country beyond the ridge resembles in its scenery the most interesting of the northern States. The traveller is gratified by the pleasant alternation of hill and dule, the lively verdure of the hills is contrasted with the deeper tints of the extensive forests which decorate their sides, and, in the valleys, broad rivers roll their streams through the varied beauties of luxuriant and cultivated fields. The ascent hence to the mountains is gradual and imperceptible. A number of mountains of striking forms, here swell with their peaks to a very considerable eleva-Table Mountain is the most conspicuous; its summit is supposed to be 4000 feet above the level of the sea.

The low country is infested with many of the diseases which spring from a warm, moist, and unelastic atmosphere. Of these, the most frequent are fevers, from which the inhabitants suffer more than from any, or perhaps from all other diseases together. The districts of the upper country enjoy as salubrious a climate as any part of the United States. During the most unhealthful period of the year, it is customary for the wealthy South Carolinians to seek relaxation in a tour through the northern States, or in a sojourn at some of the watering-places

in the upland country.

The staple commodities of this State are cotton and rice; the latter, first introduced in 1693, is raised only in the low country, where the immense swamps in which it is grown may be easily irrigated, by means of the rise of the tide in the rivers. Indigo was for some time an important staple; its culture was introduced in the middle of the last century, and, at the breaking out of the revolutionary war, about 1,000,000 pounds were exported annually; but, toward the close of

the century, the price was so much lowered by large importations from the East Indies into England, that it gave way to cotton, which is raised on the same

There are no manufactures of any importance in South Carolina, but the commerce is extensive; it consists in the exports of rice, cotton, lumber, &c., and of large quantities of the productions of Georgia and North Carolina, and in the import of manufactured articles, wines, tropical fruits, &c., for home consumption.

The region in which gold is found extends through this State. Although the mines are abundant, the diggings have been less numerous than in North Carolina. Various cehres, used in painting, are found near Yorkville. Marble, lime-stone, iron and lead ore, potters' clay, fullers' earth, nitrous earth, tale, and most of the useful fossils, are common.

The population in 1790 was 249,073; in 1800, 345,591; in 1810, 415,115; in 1690, 502,741; in 1630, 581,185; in 1840, 594,398; of whom 327,038, or something more than one-half of the population, were slaves. Of the free population, 130,496 were white males; 128,588 white females; 3864 were coloured males; 4413 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 198,363; in commerce,

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The exports of this State, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1840, amounted to \$8,043,284; and the imports to \$1,567,431. The tonnage entered was 55,620

tons, and the tonnage cleared 92,185.

The amount of home-made or family manufactures, was \$930,703; there were 3 woollen factories which produced articles to the amount of \$1000; employing a capital of \$4300; 15 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$359,000, and employed a capital of \$617,450; 4 furnaces produced 1250 tons of cast-iron; 9 forges produced 1165 tons of bar-iron; the whole employing a capital of \$113,300; 5 smelting-houses produced gold to the amount of \$37,418, and employed a capital of \$40,000; one paper-mill produced to the amount of \$20,800, with a capital of \$30,000; 164 flouring-mills produced 58,458 barrels of flour; and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$1,201,678, and employed a capital of \$1,668,804; 250 distilleries produced 102,288 gallons of distilled spirits, employing a capital of \$14,342; vessels were built to the amount of \$60,000. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was of \$60,000. \$3,216,970.

Of religious denominations the Methodists are the most numerous; at the commencement of 1836 they had 37,503 communicants; the Baptists had 314 churches, 226 ministers, and 36,276 communicants; the Presbyterians had 90 churches and 70 ministers; the Episcopalians had 50 churches, one bishop, and 43 ministers; the Lutherans had, in 1840, 24 ministers, 34 congregations, and 1667 communicants; there were also Roman Catholics, Unitarians, Friends,

Universalists and Jews.

The most important literary institution in the State is the College of South Carolina, founded in 1804. There is a theological seminary connected with the

In both departments there were, in 1843, 216 students. College was founded in 1795, and has about 50 students. The medical institu-tion in Charleston has 8 professors and 158 students. There were in the State, in 1840, 117 academies or grammar-schools, with 4326 students; and 566 common or primary schools, with 12,520 scholars. There were 20,615 free white persons, over 20 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

South Carolina has several important works of internal improvement. The

Santee canal, extending 22 miles from Charleston harbour to Santee river, was finished in 1809. Through this canal, and the improvement of the Santee and Congaree rivers, a steamboat communication has been opened from Charleston to Columbia. Winyaw canal extends from Winyaw bay, 7½ miles, to Kinlock creek, a branch of the Santee river. The navigation of Catawba river has been improved by five short canals, with an aggregate length of 113 miles. The South Carolina rail-road extends 136 miles, from Charleston to Hamburg. It was commenced in 1830, and completed in 1834. It has since been sold to the Charleston, Louisville, and Cincinnati Rail-road Company. This company contemplate the formation of the longest rail-road yet undertaken in the United States. Its entire length, from Charleston to Cincinnati, will be 718 miles. The Branchville and Columbia rail-road extends from Branchville, or the South Carolina rail-road, 66 miles, to Columbia, and is to form a part of the Charleston, Louisville, and Cincinnati rail-road.

Charleston, the principal city of South Carolina, and the largest city in the Atlantic States south of the Potomac, stands on a point of land between the Ashley and Cooper rivers, six miles from the ocean. It is regularly laid out, with streets running east and west from river to river, and others intersecting them nearly at right angles, from north to south. Among the public buildings are 26 churches, the City Hall, Exchange, two Arsenals, Theatre, College Halls, Alms-House, Orphan Asylum, &c.; the City Library contains about 18,000 volumes, and the Orphan Asylum supports and educates 250 destitute children. The city is healthier than the surrounding country, and the planters from the low country, and many opulent West-Indians, spend the summer here. Its commerce is extensive, comprising nearly the whole of that of the State, and its shipping amounted, in 1840, to 29,250 tons. The population increased from 18,711, in 1800, to 29,261, in 1840; of which number 14,673 were slaves; including the Neck, which is adorned with numerous plantations in a high state of cultivation, the population is estimated to exceed 40,000 souls. The approach to the city is defended by Fort Moultrie, on Sullivan's Island, at the mouth of the harbour, and by Castle Pinckney opposite the extreme point of the city within.

Columbia, the capital of the State, is pleasantly situated on the Congaree, below the junction of the Saluda and Broad rivers. It is regularly laid out with very wide streets, and is a neatly-built town with 3500 inhabitants. It contains a handsome State-House, a Lunatic Asylum, the Halls of South Carolina College, and several churches. Granby is a little town on the opposite side of the river. Camden is a place of some trade, situated on a rising ground on the Wateree, with about 1000 inhabitants. It is noted for the two battles fought near it during the Revolutionary war, in the first of which the Baron De Kalb

was slain.

Beaufort, to the south of Charleston, is a little town on Port Royal Island, about 16 miles from the sea, with a fine harbour, which is little used. Georgetown, to the north, on Winyaw Bay, being the depôt of an extensive and well-cultivated district, has considerable trade, but is not accessible to vessels drawing more than 11 feet of water. It is, however, unhealthful, and during the autumn, many of the inhabitants resort to North Island at the mouth of the bay. Population about 2000. Cheraw, on the Pedee, near the North Carolina line, is a town of about 1000 inhabitants; its trade is very considerable. Greeneville, in the upper part of the State, is a neat town of about 1000 inhabitants; it is situated in the midst of a salubrious and fertile country.

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STATE OF GEORGIA.

Georgia is bounded north by Tennessee and North Carolina, north-east by South Carolina, and south-east by the Atlantio Coeans, south by Florids, and west by Alabama. Length, 300 miles; breadth, 300; area, 58,000 square miles. The principal rivers of Georgia are the Savannah, (which forms the boundary between it and South Carolina,) Alatamaha, Ogeochee, Satilla, Ockmulgee, Oconee, St. Mary's, Chattahoochee, Flint, Tallapoosa, and Coosa. The coast of Georgia, for four or five miles inland, is a salt rearsh, mostly uninhabited. In front of this, towards the see, there is a chain of islands of a grey, rich soil, covered in their natural state with pine, hickory, and live-oak, and yielding, on cultivation, the finest quality of see-island cotton. The principal are Wassaw, Ossabaw, St. Catherine, Sapelo, St. Simon's, Jekyl, and Cumberland. Beyond the swamps which line the coast, commences that extensive range of pine-barrens closely resembling those of South Carolina; above this range the country begins to be pleasantly diversified by gentle undulations. This region is bounded on the west by the Blue Ridge, which here swells into elevations 1500 feet in height, which thence subside, and are lost in the sea. Beyond the mountains is an extensive and rich table-country, with a black soil of great fertility.

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The climate of Georgia differs but little from that of South Carolina. The low-country planters have their sickly season and summer retreats in the high pine woods. The districts central to the rice-awamps, in the Carolinas and Georgia, are universally insalubrious. There are districts in this State that approach nearer to tropical temperature than any part of South Carolina, and better adapted to the sugar-cane, olive, and sweet orange. The hilly and western parts are as healthy as any in America. As an average of the temperature, winter may be said to commence in the middle of December, and terminate in the middle of February. The climate of the low-country compares very nearly with that of Louisians.

The mineral resources of Georgia are but imperfectly known; copper and iron have been found, but the most valuable r.aeral production, hitherto, has been gold. It occurs in the morthern part of the State, on both sides of the Chattahoo-ohee river as far north as the Blue Ridge, and to a considerable, but not well-ascertained distance on the south.

The great agricultural staples of Georgia are cotton and rice. The cotton crop has amounted to 400,000 bales, and the rice to 35,000 casks. Some sugar and tobacco are also raised. The fruits are figs, oranges, melons, pomegranates, lemons, citrons, pears, peaches, &c.

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The population of Georgia, in 1790, was 89,584; in 1800, 162,686; in 1810, 953,433; in 1820, 348,989; in 1830, 516,567; in 1840, 691,392; of whom 280,944 were slaves. Of the free population, 210,534 were white males; 197,161 white females; 1374 were coloured males; 1379 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 209,283; in commerce, 2428; in manufactures and trades, 7984; in mining, 574; in navigating the ocean, 262; do. rivers, canals, &c., 352; in the learned professions, 1350.

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There were in this State, in 1840, 157,540 horses and mules; 884,414 neat cattle; 267,107 sheep; 1,457,755 swine. Poultry was raised to the value of \$449,693. There were produced, 1,801,830 bushels of wheat; 60,693 of rye; 90,905,193 of Indian corn; 19,979 of barley; 1,610,030 of cats; 1,211,366 of potatoes; 169,894 of tobacco; 19,384,739 of rice; 163,399,396 of cotton; 329,744 of sugar. The products of the dairy were valued at \$605,179; of the orchard at \$156,192; of lumber at \$114,050. There were made 8647 gallons of wine. The exports of the State, in 1840, amounted to \$6,862,959, and the imports to \$491,498.

The family or home-made articles amounted to \$1,467,630. The capital employed in manufactures amounted to \$3,889,565, chiefly in flouring and other mills, cotton factories, tanneries, &c.; 14 furnaces produced 494 tons of cast-iron, and employed a capital of \$34,000.

The University of Georgia, located at Athens, is the principal literary institu-

tion in the State, and was designed to have an academic branch in each county, A few only of those have been opened. It was founded in 1788, and has been well endowed. In this institution and its branches, there were, in 1840, 692 students. There were in the State 176 academies or grammar-schools, with 7878 students, and 601 common or primary schools, with 15,561 scholars. Of the population, 30,717 white persons over 90 years of age could neither read nor

write.

The Baptists are the most numerous of the religious denominations; they had, in 1935, 583 churches, 298 ministers, and 41,810 communicants. The Methodists in Georgia and Florida had 80 travelling preachers, 33,442 communicants, of whom 25,005 were whites, 8436 were coloured. The Presbyterians had 75 churches, 45 ministers, and 4882 communicants. The Episcopalians had 44 ministers; the Protestant Methodists had 20 congregations and 15 ministers; the Christians had 15 or 90 ministers; the Roman Catholics 4 ministers; the Unitarians 9 ministers. There are also some few Lutherans, Associate Reformed Presbyterians, Friends, and Iswa.

Presbyterians, Friends, and Jews.

Georgia has several important works of internal improvement. The Savannah and Ogeochee canal extends 16 miles, from Savannah to Ogeochee river; it was completed in 1839. The Brunswick exnal extends 12 miles, from the Alatamana river to Brunswick. The Georgia rail-road extends westward from Augusta, 170 miles, to Marthasville. The Athens branch extends from the Georgia rail-road 23 miles, to Athens. The Western and Atlantic rail-road is designed miles. The Georgia rail-road to Chattanooga, (1) the Tennessee river, 130 miles. The Central rail-road extends from Savann: 187 miles, to Macon, and is now in progress of completion from Macon to be united with the Georgia all-road near Decatur. The Hiwassee rail-road, also in progress, will begin at a point on the Western and Atlantic rail-road, and will be carried thence to Knoxville, in Tennesree.

The city of Savannah is advantageously situated for a commercial town, being accessible to large ships from the sea, and communicating with the interior by the noble river on which it stands. It is built on the southern side of the Savannah, on a high bank rising about 50 feet above the water, from which it makes a fine on a nign bank rising about 50 feet above the water, from which it makes a fine appearance, with its spacious and regular streets, and its handsome public buildings, mingling pleasantly with the groves of trees which surround them and adorn the squares and principal streets. The site was formerly unhealthy, on account of the surrounding swamps, but this evil has been cured by judicious drainings. In 1830 it suffered much from a terrible fire, but it has recovered from this shock, and is at present one of the most flourishing cities in the Southern States. It contains 13 churches, a Court-House, Exchange, Arsenal, Jail, U. S. Barracks, an Academy, Theatre, 2 Asylums, a Poor-House, Hospital, Market-House, besides banks, &c. Population in 1840, 11,214. Savannah is the chief commercial depôt in the State, and most of the cotton and rice, with large guarant. commercial depot in the State, and most of the cotton and rice, with large quantities of the other articles of exportation, pass through this port. There was exported, in 1843, about 300,000 bales of cotton, 25,000 tierces of rice, and near 8,000,000 feet of lumber. Two companies employ on the Savannah river aione 17 steam-boats, some of which are of iron, and more than 70 tow-boats, some being as large as 150 tons burthen. In 1840, the tonnage of the port was 17,930

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The city of Augusta, the great interior emporium of the State, stands on the Savannah, at the head of steam-boat navigation. It is handsomely built, and contains a City-Hall, 7 churches, an Hospital, Arsenal, Theatre, &c.; a bridge across the Savannah, 1200 feet long, connects it with Hamburg. across the Savannah, 1200 feet long, connects it with Hamburg. The population amounted, in 1840, to 6500. Augusta is the depot of an extensive tract of productive and populous country, and is connected with the sea by the Charleston and Hamburg rail-road, and the Savannah river.

Milledgeville, the capital of the State, is pleasantly situated on the Oconee, at the head of steam-boat navigation, and is a place of some trade. Population in 1840, 2095. It contains the State-House, the Penitentiary, on the Auburn plan, State Arsenal, &c. Athens, a thriving little town above Milledgeville, is the seat of the University of Georgia. Population, 1900.

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Macon is situated at the head of navigation on the Oemulgee; it consisted in 1829 of a single cabin; in 1830 it had a population of 2600 souls, and in 1840, 3927. Its trade is extensive and increasing; there is a considerable number of saw and grist-mills in the vicinity. A great amount of cotton is shipped from this place.

Columbus is situated on the Chattahoochea, at the head of navigation, and 430 miles from the sea. The town was first laid out in 1828, when the site was ye covered with the native forest; in 1843 it contained over 4000 inhaltants, with several churches, newspapers, &c. Steam-boats run regularly from here to New Orleans, and 60,000 bales of cotton were shipped from the town in 1842, when 15 steam-boats were employed on the Chattahoochee. Dahlonga, in the northern part of the State, between the Chestatee and £towa, is the seat of one of the offices of the United States Mint.

Darien is a neat and thriving little town, with an active trade in cotton, and in the lumber which is brought down the river in large quantities. Its population is about 2500. Brunswick, with a spacious harbour, is situated on Turtle river about 10 miles nearly due west from the opening between St. Simon's and Jekyl islands. St. Mary's, a small town on the river of the same name, just above its entrance into Cumberland Sound, derives importance from its fine deep harbour, the most southerly on the coast from Georgia to Florida.

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

FLORIDA is bounded north by Alabama and Georgia; east by the Atlantic Ocean; south and west by the Gulf of Mexico. Formerly the name of Florida was applied to the whole country east of the Mississippi, and south of the parallel of 31° north latitude. The river Appalachicola divided it into East and West Florida. The part lying between the Mississippi and Pearl river is now included in the State of Louisiana; the part between Pearl river and the Perdido, belongs to the States of Mississippi and Alabama; and the part aast of the Perdido is the country that is now called Florida. Its mean length, from rooth to south, is 380 miles, and the mean breadth 150, the area being 57,750 square miles.

The surface of Florida is in general level, and not much elevated above the sea. It is intersected by numerous ponds, lakes, and rivers, of which the principal are the St. John's, Appalachicola, Suwanee, Ocklockony, Choctawhathie, Escambia, and Yellow-Water rivers. The southern part of the peninsula is a mere marsh, and terminates at Cape Sable in heaps of sharp rocks, interspersed

wit is a scattered growth of shrubby pines.

The gulf stream setting along the coast has here worn away the land, forming those islands, keys and rocks, known by the general name of Reefs, or Keys, between which and the main land is a navigable channel. These islands contain some settlements and many good harbours. One of the most important is Key West, 6 miles long and two in breadth, on which is the town of Key West, a naval station, and the seat of an admiralty court: the harbour is good, well sheltered, and of sufficient depth of water to admit the largest vessels.

The eddies which set towards the shore from the gulf stream cause many shipwrecks on this part of the coast, furnishing employment to the Bahama wreckers. The soil of Florida is in some parts, especially on the banks of the rivers, equal to any in the world; in other parts, it is indifferent; and there are large tracts which are represented to be of little value.

Live-oak timber is one of the most valuable products of Florida. The fig, pomegranate, orange, and date, are among the fruits; cotton is the chief agricultural staple; the sugar-cane is also pretty extensively cultivated; rice is raised in large quantities; and indigo formerly furnished a valuable article of exportation, but is now only raised for family use. But Florida is on the whole better suited for a grazing country; and its vast herds of cattle, horses, swine, &c., find a boundless extent of range in its fine pastures.

The citimate, from October to June, is generally salubrious; but the months of

July, August, and September, are hot and uncomfortable; and during this season, fevers are prevalent. At St. Augustine, however, the climate is delightful, and this place is the resort of invalids.

In the year 1832 Spain ceded Florida to the United States, in compensation for spoliations committed on the commerce of the latter. From that time, it was governed as a territory until 1845, when it became a State. Florida was lately, for several years, the theatre of a war between the United States and the Seminole Indians. In 1818 this tribe was conquered by General Jackson, and agreed to abandon the territory and remove west of the Mississippi. Preparations were made for their removal in 1835, but being reluctant to leave their country, they commenced hostilities under Osceola; but, after a protracted war, they were at length subdued. The Indians are now, for the most part, removed to a desirable country beyond the Mississippi, where, it is hoped, that they will remain undisturbed and at peace with their neighbours.

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engineers, 204.

There were in the State in 1840, 12,043 horses and mules; 118,081 neat cattle; 7198 sheep; 92,680 swine; poultry was raised to the value of \$61,007; bushels of Indian corn 898,974; 75,274 pounds of tobacco; 481,420 of rice; 12,110,533 of cotton; and 275,317 of sugar. A small amount of rye and hay was produced.

The manufactures are inconsiderable; the amount of capital employed in that branch, in 1840, was \$669,490; and in home-made or family articles \$30,205. There is no college, at present, in Florida. In 1840 there were 18 academies and grammar-schools, with 732 students; and 51 common and primary schools, with 925 scholars. There were 1303 white persons, over 20 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

St. Augustine is the oldest town in Florida, and also in the United States; it was settled by the Spaniards in 1565; it stands at the junction of two small creeks, called the Matanzas and the North River. It is regularly built, but the streets are narrow; the houses are generally two stories high, surrounded with balconies and piazzas; it contains 4 churches; a U. S. Barracks, and Land Office. It is commanded by Fort Marion, which stands at the mouth of the harbour. On Amelia island, the north-eastern corner of Florida, is the little village of Fernandina, which, during the embargo, and the late war, was an important depot.

Jacksonville, on the St. Johns river, is a flourishing town, forming the depôt of the trade of the surrounding country; it is also a considerable thoroughfare. In the middle section of the territory are St. Marks, Tallahassee, Quincy, Marianna, Monticello and Appalachicola. St. Marks is the shipping-port of a populous and productive district, and is a growing town, with a good harbour; the entrance affords 12 feet water; but up to the town, 6 miles from the sea, the bay carries only 8 feet.

Tallahassee, the capital of Florida, stands on an eminence in a fertile district, and contains 3 churches; a bank; a State House; jail; market, and an academy. The population in winter is about 2500. Appalachicola is a flourishing little town, at the mouth of the river of the same name. It has a good harbour, and its trade in cotton is considerable; about 20 steamboats navigate the river, besides other craft; it has an Episcopal church, and two banks.

St. Joseph's, on the bay of the same name, is also a place of growing trade; the bay affords 25 to 33 feet of water, and is well sheltered from all winds; this is connected with Jols, on the Appalachicola river, by a rail-road. Peneacola, on the bay of the same name, is important as a naval station of the United States; it is accessible, to small vessels, through Santa Ross. Sound: Jong, shallow lagoon, sheltered by the island of Santa Ross, which also fit is the same of Pensacola, and through the main channel to ships of var, up to the navigable to miles helow the town. The population of Pensacola is about 2000.

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STATE OF ALABAMA.

THE State of Alabams is bounded north by Tennessee, east by Georgia, south by Florida, and weet by the State of Mississippi. Length 280 miles; breadth 160 miles; area 46,000 square miles.

The principal rivers are the Alabama, Tombigby, Black Warrior, Coces, Tallapoosa, Tennessee, Chattahoochee, Perdido, and Cahawba.

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The southern part of the country, which borders on the Gulf of Mexico and West Florids, for the space of 50 miles wide, is low and level, covered with pine, cypress, &c.; in the middle it is hilly, with some tracts of open land; the northern part is somewhat broken and mountainous, and the country generally is more elevated above the sea, than most other parts of the United States at equal distance from the ocean. The Alleghamy mountains terminate in the north-east part. The forest trees in the middle and northern part consist of black and white

oak, hiskory, poplar, cedar, chestnut, pine, mulberry, &c.

Alabama possesses great diversity of soil, climate, natural, vegetable, and mineral productions. Occupying the valley of the Mobile, and its tributary streams, together with a fine body of land on both sides of the Tennessee river, its position in an agricultural and commercial point of view is highly advantageous. A considerable portion of that part of the State which lies between the Alabama and Tombigby, of that part watered by the Coosa and Tallapoosa, and of that on the Tennessee consists of water available land. On the margin of many of that on the Tennessee, consists of very excellent land. On the margin of many of the rivers there is a considerable quantity of cane-bottom land, of great fertility, generally from a half to three-quarters of a mile wide. On the outside of this, is a space which is low, wet, and intersected by stagnant water. Next to the river awamp, and elevated above it ten or fifteen feet, succeeds an extensive body of level land of a black, rich soil, with a growth of hickory, black oak, dogwood, popiar, &co. After this come the prairies, which are plains of level, or gently waving land, without timber, clothed with grass, herbage, and flowers, and exhibiting in the month of May the most enchanting scenery.

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strip, between Florida and Mississippi, and indigo was formerly raised; rice also grows well on the alluvial bottom near the Gulf; but cotton, which thrives amounted to 117,135,692 pounds. There are five principal and several other minor mines of gold and silver in Randolph county, producing about \$125,000 annually, and employing from 300 to 500 people. There are inexhaustible beds of fine iron ore in the same county. There are also rich mines of gold and silver in Tallacare and sold has about \$125,000. in Tallupocas, and gold has also been found in Coosa, Talladega and Chambers counties. Iron foundries have been established in Benton and Talladega. Nitre is found in abundance in Blount. There are immense quantities of coal near Tuscaloosa and in many other places. Salt can be manufactured near Jackson, in Clarke county; iron ore, marble, granite, limestone, &c., are also found in the same county. Lead ore, in large quantities, and of excellent quality, is found in the bed of the Tennessee, on the Muscle Shoals.

Alabama has a sea-coast of only 60 miles, which, however, contains Mobile Bay, one of the deepest basins on the Gulf. It is about 30 miles long, and from 3 to 18 broad, and the main entrance has 15 feet of water at low tide; but vessels drawing more than 8 or 9 feet cannot approach nearer than 11 miles from the town

of Mobile, except at high water.

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The population in 1800 was only 2000; in 1810, 10,000; in 1820, 127,901; in 1830, 308,997; in 1840, 590,756, of whom 253,532 were slaves. Free white males 176,692; do. females 158,493; free coloured males 1030; do. females 1009. Employed in agriculture 177,439; in commerce 2212; in manufactures and trades 7195; navigating the ocean 256; do. canals, rivere, &c. 758; learned professions 1514.

There were, in this State, in 1840, 143,147 horses and mules; 668,018 neat cattle; 163,243 sheep; 1,423,873 awine. Poultry was raised to the value of \$404,564. There were produced, \$28,052 bushels of wheat; 20,947,004 of Indian corn; 1,406,353 of cats; 1,708,356 of potatoes; 117,138,893 pounds of cotton; 973,309 of tobacco; 149,019 of rice. The exports, in 1840, amounted to \$13,854,694, and the imports to \$574,651.

Domestic or family articles made in 1840, amounted to \$1,656,119.

tal employed in manufactures was \$9,130,064, a large portion of which was em-

ployed in flouring and other mills.

The University of Alabama, at Tuscalocas, La Grange College, at La Grange, and Spring Hill College, near Mobile, are the principal literary institutions in the State; these had, in 1844, 251 students. There were in the State, in 1840, 114 academies and grammar-schools, with 5018 scholars, and 639 common and primary schools, with 16,243 scholars. There were in the State 22,593 white persons over 20 years of age who could neither read nor write.

Of the religious denominations, the Methodists are the most numerous; in 1842

they had 34,868 communicants; the Baptists had 535 churches, 254 ministers, and 25,934 communicants. There were also Episcopalian, Roman Catholics, &c.

This State has not neglected works of internal improvement. Muscle-Shoals canal is designed to overcome an obstruction in Tennessee river, and extends from Florence 36 miles, to Brown's Ferry, at the head of the shoals. Huntsville canal extends from Triana, on Tennessee river, to Huntsville, 16 miles. Montgomery and West Point rail-road extends from Montgomery to West Point, at the head of the rapids on Chattahoochee river, 87 miles. The Tuscumbia, Cortland and Decatur rail-road extends from Decatur to Tuscumbia, 44 miles. rail-roads in progress of construction are the Selma and Tennessee, from Selma to Gunter's landing, on Tennessee river, 170 miles. The Wetumpka, from Wetumpka, 56 miles, to Fort Williams, at the head of the falls of Coosa river, and is designed to unite with the Selma and Tennessee rail-road. The Cahawba and Marion, 35 miles, will connect the two places.

The city of Mobile is a flourishing commercial town, being the depot for nearly the whole State of Alabama and part of Georgia and Mississippi; it is built on a dry and elevated spot, but was formerly rendered unhealthful by the surrounding marshes; these, however, have been drained, and the streets have been paved with shelle, and of late years Mobile has not suffered from diseases. The harbour is good, and numerous steam-boats run on the Alabama and Tombigby rivers and to New Orleans. Mobile is next to New Orleans the largest cotton market in the United States; 320,000 bales have been exported here in one year. This city contains a Court-House, Jail, Custom-House, a U. S. Naval Hospital, a City Hospital, 3 banks, the Barton Academy, and 7 churches. The exports amount to from 12 to 16 millions of dollars annually. It suffered severely by fire in 1827 and in 1839; at the latter period, 600 houses were burnt, but it has been rebuilt with increased convenience and beauty. Population, in 1840, 12,672; in 1845, over 17,000. Blakely, on the opposite side of the bay, on a high, open, and healthy site, with deeper water and a harbour easier of access than that of Mobile, has not thriven in the same manner, and is only a little village. It contains a Court-House, 10 stores, &c.

Montgomery, near the head of the Alabama, is a busy, growing place, with about 2300 inhabitants. Wetumpka, on the Coosa, at the head of steam-boat navigation, was cut out of the forest in 1832, and in 1835 it was a place of considerable business. Population in 1840, 2600. Gainesville, on the Tombigby river, is a thriving place, lately settled. Population, about 1200.

Tuscaloosa, the capital, stands in a rich district, on a fine site, near the centre of the State, on the Black Warrior river, and, being accessible to steam-boats, is a place of considerable trade; it contains the State-House, the halls of the Uni-

versity, the county buildings, &c. The population of the town is about 2000. Florence, below Muscle-Shoals, at the head of steam-boat navigation on the Tennessee, is a growing place of about 2000 inhabitants, with a prosperous trade. Tuscumbia, opposite to Florence, is also a thriving town. Population, 2000. Above the Shoals, and about ten miles north of the river, is Huntsville, situated in a very fertile and beautiful region, with about 2500 inhabitants.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The State of Mississippi is bounded on the north by Tennessee, east by Alabama, south by the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana, west by Louisiana and Arkansas. It is about 300 miles in average length, and 160 in breadth; area, about 48,000 square miles. The principal rivers are the Mississippi, Pearl, Pascagoula, Yazoo, Big Black, and Tombigby. The Mississippi forms the western boundary from lat. 31° to 35° north; 308 miles in a right line, but by the course of the river near 700 miles.

The Yazoo or Mississippi Swamp is an extensive tract of country between the Yazoo river and the Mississippi, about 175 miles in length and 50 in breadth, with an area of 7000 square miles. A considerable part of it is annually overflowed by the waters of the Mississippi, and at that period it assumes the appearance of a vast marine forest. Many parts of it have an excellent soil, and produce large crops of cotton, &c.; it is also intersected by numerous creeks and bayous, leading to and from the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers. Numerous mounds, walls, and enclosures, are found in it, attesting the existence of a considerable population at some former period. The Cold Water river, the head branch of the Yazoo, communicates with the Mississippi by a bayou or creek called the Yazoo Pass, through which boats of considerable burthen pass and repass during periods of high water.

The southern part of the State, extending about 100 miles north from the Gulf of Mexico, is mostly a champaign country, with occasional hills of moderate elevation, and is covered with forests of the long-leaved pine, interspersed with cypress swamps, open prairies, and inundated marshes. A considerable portion of this part is susceptible of cultivation. The soil is generally sandy, sometimes gravelly and clayey. It is capable of producing cotton, corn, indigo, sugar, garden vegetables, plums, charries, peaches, fice, acut oranges, and granes.

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In proceeding north, the face of the country becomes more elevated and agreeably diversified. The growth of timber consists of poplar, hickory, oak, black walnut, sugar-maple, buckeye, elm, hackberry, &c., and the soil is exceedingly fertile, producing abundant crops of cotton, corn, sweet-potatoes, indigo, garden vegetables, and fruit. Nearly all the country watered by the Yazoo is described as incomparably fertile and well watered.

Tobacco and indigo were formerly the staples of Mississippi, but cotton, at present, is the chief production of the State, and it absorbs nearly all the industry of the inhabitants, to the exclusion even of corn and cattle. The crop of 1840 amounted to nearly half a million bales. Some sugar is produced in the southern strip, but the cane does not appear to thrive.

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The population, in 1816, was 45,921; in 1820, 75,448; in 1830, 136,806; in 1840, 375,651; of whom 192,211 were slaves. Of the free population, 97,256 were white males; 81,818 white females; free coloured males, 715; do. females, 654. Employed in agriculture, 139,724; in commerce, 1303; in manufactures and trades, 4151; in navigating the ocean, 33; do. rivers, canals, &c., 100; in the learned professions, 1506.

There were in this State, in 1840, 109,227 horses and mules; 623,197 neat cattle; 198,367 sheep; 1,001,209 swine. Poultry was raised to the value of \$369,482. There were produced, 196,626 bushels of wheat; 11,444 of rye; 13,161,237 of Indian corn; 1654 of barley; -668,624 of oats; 1,630,100 of potatees; 175,196 pounds of wool; 6835 of wax; 83,471 of tobacco; 777,195 of rice; 193,401,577 of cotton. The produce of the dairy was valued at \$359,585; of the orchard, at \$14,458; of lumber, at \$192,794; tar, pitch, and turpentine amounted to \$248 barrels.

The amount of home-made or family articles, was \$682,945; 53 cotton manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$1744, employed a capital of \$6420; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$5140, employing a capital of \$8100; 128 tanneries employed a capital of \$70,870; 42 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$118,167, employing a capital of \$41,945; two persons produced confectionary to the amount of

\$10,500; 274 persons produced machinery to the amount of \$242,225; 132 persons produced carriages and wagons to the amount of \$49,693; 16 flouring-mills produced 1809 barrels of flour, and with other mills manufactured articles to the amount of \$486,864; vessels were built to the amount of \$13,925. The total

amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$1,797,727.

There are three colleges in this State. Jefferson College, at Washington, 6 miles east of Natchez, was founded in 1802, and has been liberally endowed; Oakland College, at Oakland, was founded in 1831, and is prosperous; Centennary College, at Brandon Springs, was founded in 1841, by the Methodists, and is flourishing. The colleges existing in 1840 had about 250 students. There were in the State 71 academies, with 2553 students; and 382 common and primary schools, with 8236 scholars. There were in the State 8360 white persons over 20 years of age who could neither read nor write.

The Methodists and Baptists are the most numerous religious denominations. In 1836, the Methodists had 53 travelling preachers, and 9707 communicants; the Baptists had 84 churches, 34 ministers, and 3199 communicants; the Episcopalians had 4 ministers; the Presbyterians, of different descriptions, had 32 churches and 26 ministers.

A rail-road extends from Vicksburg, 50 miles, to Jackson, and is extended 14 miles farther, to Brandon. A rail-road extends from Natchez, and is designed to be continued through Jackson to Canton, a part only of which is completed. Several other rail-roads have been projected, and some work done on them.

Natchez, the largest town in the State, is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi, 300 miles above New Orleans. It consists of two distinct parts; the lower town, called Natchez under the Hill, and the Upper town; the former is built on the margin of the river, about half a mile in length, and from 100 to 200 yards in breadth; it is occupied by warehouses, tippling-shops, boarding-houses for the boatmen, &c.; the upper town stands on a lofty bank or bluff, rising abruptly to the height of 300 feet, and is the residence of the better class of citi-The streets are wide, regularly disposed, and adorned with fine shadetrees, and it is during the greater part of the year an agreeable and healthful residence. Natchez contains a Court-House, Jail, 4 churches, 3 banks, an Academy, a Female Seminary, Hospital, an Orphan Asylum, Masonio Hall, Theatre, 2 steammills, &c. It is a great cotton mart, and in the busy season the streets are blocked up with bales of cotton. Population, 4800.

Vicksburg, 106 miles above Natchez, stands on the declivity of several considerable eminences, called the Walnut Hills, rising abruptly from the river. It is surrounded by numerous plantations, and is the depot of a large tract of ountry, which a few years since was occupied solely by Indians. The city contains a Court-House, Jail, 4 churches, 3 academies, 100 stores, and 3200 inhabitants. A number of steam and other boats are constantly in harbour, loading and unloading their cargoes; and a large amount of cotton is annually shipped from hence. All the trade of the Yazoo country centres in this place. Vicksburg is upwards

of 500 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, by the Mississippi river.

On the west bank of Pearl river is Jackson, the capital of the State: it is situated in a plain about a half mile square, on which stand the State-House, the Penitentiary, and some other public buildings. It contains about 2100 inhabitants. Woodville, in the south-western part of the State, 18 miles from the Mississippi, is a very pretty village, with 800 inhabitants. The little village of Fort

Adams is considered as its port on the Mississippi, but Woodville is now connected with the river at St. Francisville by a rail-road.

Port Gibson is a flourishing little town, prettily situated on the Bayou Pierre, and laid out with great regularity. Population, 1200. The river is navigable for steam-boats to this place in time of high water, and a rail-road connects it with Grand Gulf, its port on the Mississippi. The latter, finely situated on a natural terrace, takes its name from a remarkable eddy in the river, and is a thriving town with 1000 inhabitants. Yazoo city, on the Yazoo river, and Grenada, on the Yalabusha, are thriving places, as are also Aberdeen and Columbus, on the Tombigby: the latter place has a population of more than 2000, and an extensive commercial business is transacted here.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA.

LOUISIANA is bounded on the north by the States of Arkansas and Mississippi; on the east, by the latter State; on the south, by the Gulf of Mexico; and on the west, by the republic of Texas. The 33d degree of north latitude is the northern boundary, west of the Mississippi river; and the 31st degree on the east of that river; the Pearl river is its extreme eastern boundary, and the Sabine its western. It is in-length 940 miles, by 910 in breadth; and contains 48,390 square miles.

Three-fourths of the State are without an elevation that can be properly called a hill. The pine woods generally have a surface of a very peculiar character, rising into fine swells, with table surfaces on the summit, and valleys intervening from 30 to 40 feet deep. The alluvial soil is level, and the swamps, which are the only inundated alluvions, are dead flats. The prairies, which constitute a large portion of the surface of the State, have, in a remarkable degree, all the distinctive aspects of prairies. To the eye they seem as level as the still surface of a lake. They are, except the quaking prairies, higher and drier than the savanas of Florids.

The Mississippi, after having formed the boundary of the State for about 450 miles, enters its limits, 350 miles from the sea by the course of the river channel. Throughout this distance of 800 miles, its western bank is low, and flooded in high stages of the river. Outlets, or bayous, receive its surplus waters during the period of the annual inundation, which are carried off by them to the sea: the principal of these bayous are the Atchalafaya, Plaquemine, La Fourche, &c. The rivers in this State, in addition to the Mississippi, are, the Red river; the Washita, flowing into the Red river; the Teche, Vermillion, Mermentau, and Calcasieu, run into the Gulf of Mexico, together with the Pearl, on the east, and the Sabine, on the west. The Red river is the most important. Soon after entering Louisians, its bed was formerly choked up by an immense accumulation of fallen timber, called The Raft, which extended over a distance of 160 miles; but a large part of it has been removed by the exertions of the general government, and the whole mass will soon be cleared away.

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On the banks of the Mississippi, La Fourche, the Teche, and the Vermillion, below lat 30° 13' north, wherever the soil is elevated above the annual inundations, sugar can be produced; and the lands are generally devoted to this crop. In all other parts of the State, cotton is the staple. Rice is more particularly confined to the banks of the Mississippi, where irrigation can be easily performed. The amount of sugar has gradually increased in this State, from 1783 to the present time. The crop of sugar is now about 100,000 hids. The prairies of the western parishes afford fine pastures, and here are found large herds of cattle and horses. Rice, corn, tobacco and indigo are also produced. In the eastern part of the State, between the Mississippi and Pearl rivers, lumber is cut for exportation, and some tar, nitch, and turnentine are prepared.

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The population of Louisiana in 1810 was 76,556; in 1830, 153,407; in 1830, 218,575; in 1840, 352,411; of whom 168,452 were slaves. Of the free population, 89,747 were white males; 68,710 do. females; 11,526 coloured males; 13,976 do. females. Employed in agriculture, 79,289; in commerce, 8549; in manufactures and trades, 7565; in navigating the ocean, 1329; do. canals, lakes, and rivers, 669; in the learned professions. 1018.

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There were in the State, in 1840, 98,888 horses and mules; 381,948 nest cattle; 98,079 sheep; 393,290 swine. Poultry was raised to the value of \$383,559. There were produced, 60 bushels of wheat; 1819 of rye; 5,959,912 of Indian corn; 107,353 of oats; 834,341 of potatoes; 119,894 pounds of tobacco; 3,604,534 of rice; 159,555,368 of cotton; 119,947,790 of sugar; 24,651 tons of hay; 49,283 pounds of wool. The products of the dairy were valued at \$153,069; of the orchard at \$11,769; of lumber at \$66,106. There were made 2884 gallons of wine, and 3933 barrels of tar, pitch and turpentime.

The exports of this State amounted, in 1840, to \$34,936,936; but these bolong to the great and fertile States of the Mississippi valley. Its imports amounted to \$10,673,190.

Home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$65,190; two cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$18,900, with a capital of \$22,000; six furnaces produced 1700 tons of cast-iron, and two furnaces produced 1366 tons of bar-iron, employing a capital of \$357,000; 25 tanneries employed a capital of \$132,025; seven other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$108,500, and employed a capital of \$89,550; 5 sugar refineries produced to the amount of \$770,000; hardware and cutlery was produced to the amount of \$30,000; mills of various kinds produced articles to the amount of \$706,785, and employed a capital of \$1,870,795; vessels were built to the amount of \$80,500; 5 distilleries produced 285,520 gallons of distilled spirits; and one brewery 2400 gallons of beer. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$6,430,699.

Louisiana College, at Jackson, was founded in 1825; Jefferson College, at Bringiers, founded in 1831; St. Charles College, at Grand Coteau, is under the Bringlers, founded in 1831; St. Charles College, at Grand Coteau, is under the direction of the Roman Catholics; Baton Rouge College, at Baton Rouge, was founded in 1838; Franklin College, at Opelousas, was founded in 1839. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 437 students. There were in the State 52 academies, with 1995 students; 179 common and primary schools, with 3873 scholars. There were 4861 white persons, over 20 years of age, who could neither read nor write. In 1835 the legislature granted to three colleges \$363,775, to be paid out of the State treasury; viz., \$48,775 to Jefferson College, to defray the expense of its buildings, and \$15,000 annually, for the period of 10 years; to Louisiana College. \$15,000 annually, for the grant pariod to pay the spains of Louisiana College, \$15,000 annually, for the same period, to pay the salaries of their professors, and to lower the rates of tuition, and other expenses; and \$15,000 also to Franklin College.

The State was originally settled by Roman Catholics; and they are still the most numerous religious denomination. In 1835 they had 27 ministers. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, exist in considerable numbers

and are increasing.

Several works of internal improvement have been undertaken. Pontchartrain Rail-road extends from New Orleans, 4½ miles, to lake Pontchartrain, and cost, originally, \$200,000, and with its improvements \$500,000. West Feliciana Railroad extends from St. Francisville, on the Mississippi river, 20 miles, to Woodville, Miss. Orleans street Rail-road, through Orleans street, is 11 miles long, and connects New Orleans with the Bayou St. John's. New Orleans and Carrolton Rail-road extends from New Orleans, 64 miles, to Carrolton, passing through Lafayette. It has city branches, making its whole length 111 miles. Various other rail-roads and canals have been projected, and some work has been done upon them, but they are at present suspended.

New Orleans, the third commercial mart in the Union, and the capital of Louisiana, stands on the left bank of the Mississippi, 100 miles from the sea by the course of the river, and four miles from Lake Pontchartrain. Steamboats and small vessels come up to the landing on the latter, where an artificial harbour has been formed, and whence a rail-road and two canals extend to the rear of the town. In the front of the city, on the river, the largest merchant-ships lie close up to the levee or bank, so that no wharves are necessary to enable them to load and The river is here from 100 to 160 feet deep, and a half-mile wide.

New Orleans is the depôt of the whole Mississippi Valley, and must increase in importance with the daily growing wealth and population of that vast region. Thousands of huge arks and flat-boats float down its mighty artery, loaded with the produce of New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, as well as with that of the more western States. The number of steamboat arrivals and departures is greater here than in any other city in the United States. The exports, including the foreign and coasting trade, are not less than \$40,000,000 annually; but its imports are vastly less. Much of the western country, which exports its produce by the way of New Orleans, imports its goods from New York. In 1849, 740,967 bales of cotton were exported to foreign ports and constwise. The licensed and enrolled tonnage, in 1840, was 196,613 tons. According to the census of that year, the capi tal engaged in foreign trade amounted to \$16,490,000; and in the retail trade

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these boimports to \$11,018,225. New Orieans depends, generally, for manufactured strictes, upon other places; in 1840, the capital employed in manufactures was \$1,774,200. The city stands on a dead level, and is regularly laid out with the streets intersecting each other at right angles, as the surface of the water is from two to four feet above the level of the city, at high water, and even in low stages of water is above the swamps in the rear; a levee, or embankment, from four to eight feet high, has been made all along the river, to prevent inundations; a breach or crevasse sometimes occurs in this dike, but it is rarely permitted to do much de tage before it is closed. Among the public buildings are the Cathedral of St. Louis, a massive and imposing building with four towers, and 9 other churches, the State-House, Custom-House, Exchange, United States Mint, and Land-Office; 16 banks, with an aggregate capital of \$40,000,000; 12 insurance companies, with a capital of \$3,600,000; 3 theatres, some of which are splendid structures; 4 markets, and a number of hotels, two of which are very splendid, and cost \$600,000 each; the Ursuline Convent; the Charity Hospital; Orphan's Asylum, &c. The chariteble institutions are numerous, and well conducted. There are two colleges, with 105 students; 10 academics, 440 students; 25 schools, with \$75 scholars. Regular lines of packets are established to all the chief Atlantic cities, as well as to Galveston, &c. Population in 1810, \$7,242; in 1820, \$7,176; in 1830, 46,310; and in 1840, 102,193.

Donaldsonville, for some time the capital, is one of the healthiest towns in the State, with about 1000 inhabitants, at the mouth of the Lafourche outlet. Baton Rouge, 130 miles by the river, above New Orleans, contains a military post and an arsenal of the United States. It stands on the first highland or bluff point passed in ascending the river. The population in 1840, was 2269. St. Francisville, at the mouth of the Bayou Sara, is a neat, busy, and thriving village, con-

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Alexandria, on Red River, 100 miles from the Mississippi by the windings of the stream, is a pleasant little village in the centre of a rich cotton region, and ships large quantities of that staple for New Orleans. Natchitoches, 80 miles above, was founded in 1717. It was formerly the centre of the trade with the Mexican interior provinces, receiving bullion, horses, and mules, and sending off manufactured goods, tobacco, and spirits. St. Martinsville, and New Iberia, on the Teche, and Opelousae or St. Landre, to the north, are small villages containing from 300 to 500 inhabitants, but surrounded by a fertile and well cultivated country.

WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.

This section of the United States comprises the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Arkansas, and Iowa, the organized Territory of Wisconsin, together with the nominal Territories of Missouri and Oregon, the Western or Indian Territory, and the region north of Iowa, which has not as yet received any distinctive name. It includes the whole of that vast space extending from the western base of the Alleghany Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, and from the Red river of Louisiana and the 42d degree of lattinde on the south, to the parallels of 49° and 54° 40′ on the north, extending from east to west 9300 miles, and from north to south 1100 miles, comprising an area of

1,683,000 square miles.

The Chipewayan or Rocky Mountain range are the most important mountains in this region. They are but imperfectly known to us, and present a very rugged and sterile appearance, and oppose generally a formidable barrier to an intercourse between the countries on their opposite sides. The other elevations are the Ozark Mountains, extending from Missouri south-west to Mexico; the Black Hills, between the Missouri and Yellow-Stone rivers; and between the former river and the St. Peter's river a low ridge intervence, known as the Coteau des Prairies; farther to the eastward, and immediately south of Lake Superior, the Porcupine Mourcains extend, separating the rivers of Lake Superior from those of the Missouriand Lake Michigan, which the destroy

The immense prairies of this region constitute the most remarkable feature of the country. These are level plains stretching as far as the eye can reach, totally destitute of trees, and covered with tall grass or flowering shrubs. Some have an undulating surface, and are called rolling prairies; these are the most extensive, and are the favourite recort of the buffalo. Here, without a tree or a stream of water, the traveller may wander for days, and discover nothing but a grassy occasion bounded on all sides by the horizon. In the dry season the Indians set fire to the grass; and the wide conflagration which ensues, often surprises the bison, deer, and other wild animals, who are unable to escape from the flames, and are burned to death.

Much of this great country, especially the northern and western parts, remains to be explored. Of the region west of the Mississippi, hardly anything was known before the beginning of the present century, when the government of the United States dispatched Captains Lewis and Clark on an expedition of discovery. These officers, at the head of a large party, well equipped, proceeded up the Missouri in boats to its source, crossed the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, and returned by the same course. The southern part was explored by an expedition under Lieut. Pike; and at a later period, Major Long and other travel-

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But the great physical features of this region are its giant rivers, with their hundred arms spreading for thousands of miles through every corner of the territory, and bringing its most remote recesses, in the very heart of a vast continent, almost into contact with the ses. The main trunk of this great system of rivers has been already described. The Ohio, on the east, and the Arkanssa, Red river, and Platte, on the west, are the greatest of the subordinate streams. The first, and Platte, on the west, are the greatest of the subordinate streams. The first gathering up the waters of one of the most fertile regions of the globe, bears upon its gentle current the products of a highly cultivated country. The last mentioned take their way for a considerable part of their course through barren tracts of sand. The Arkaneas, however, has vast tracts of productive territory for many hundred miles in the lower part of its course. The Red river also passes through a less desert region than the Platte, the country in its lower part being highly fertile. The Alleghany and Monongahela, rising in Pennsylvania and Virginia, units at Pittsburg, and take the name of Ohio. From Pittsburg to the Mississippl, the river has a course of 950 miles, receiving numerous navigable streams, from the two great inclined planes between which it runs,

The great rivers, which form so striking a natural feature of this region, give to the mode of travelling and transportation in general, a peculiar cast, and have created a peculiar class of men, called boatmen. Craft of all descriptions are found on these waters. There are the rude, shapeless masses, that denote the infancy of navigation, and the powerful and richly adorned steam-boat which makes its perfection; together with all the intermediate forms between t Since the use of steam-boats, numbers of the other craft have disappeared, and the number of river boatmen has been diminished by many thousands. The first steam-boat on these waters was built at Pittsburg, in 1811; since that time, about 800 have been built at different places, some of which are from 4 to 500 tons burthen, but the greater number are from 90 to 150, 200, and 300 tons; there are at present act far from 400 steam-boats on the Mississippi and its

tributaries, making an aggregate of about 90,000 tons.

Lead, iron, coal, salt, and lime abound in the western States; and probably no region in the world exhibits such a combination of mineral wealth and fertility of soil, united with such rare facilities of transportation. Tobacco, Indian corn, hemp, cotton, salted provisions, flour, whiskey, hides and furs, coarse bagging, and lead, are the most important articles of export; and all sorts of manufactured.

goods and colonial produce are imported.

The character of the western States is mixed, but the predominant traits are those of Virginia, and of New England. Kentucky was settled from Virginia and North Carolina; while Ohio is a scion of New England. These two States have in turn sent their population farther weet. But there is much sectional character, much of the openness and boldness of the men and their descendants, who consted every inch of territory with savages, whose houses were garrisons, and

who fought at the threshold for their hearths and altars. The population of the western States and Territories, in 1840, was 4,458,154; of whom 443,556 were slaves. The inhabitants of this section are rapidly increasing in number, and are probably not less than 5,000,000.

The negroes constitute about a tenth part of the population. They are held as slaves in all the States but Ohlo, Indiana, Illinoia, Michigan and Iowa. A few

Indians yet remain within the limits of the western States.

STATE OF OHIO.

Thus enterprising and populous State is bounded on the north by Lake Erie and the State of Michigan; east by Pennsylvania and Virginia; south by the Ohio river, which separates it from Western Virginia and Kentucky; and west by Indians. Its length is 210 miles, and mean breadth 200, containing about 40,000 square miles. The Ohio river forms the boundary of this State, on the south-east and south, for near 500 miles.

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Huron, Vermillion, Black, Cuyahoga, Grand, and Aahtabula; those on the south flowing into the Ohio, are the Muskingum, Hockhocking, Little and Great Miami. The Au-Glaine and St. Mary's, in the western part of the State, are branches ami. The Au-G of the Maumee.

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The interior and northern parts of the country, bordering on Lake Erie, are generally level, and in some places marshy. Nearly one-third of the eastern and south-eastern part is hilly and broken. The hills are numerous, but they seldom rise to any considerable height. Immediately upon the banks of the Ohio, and several of its tributaries, are numerous tracts of interval or meadow land, of great fertility. In the interior, on both sides of the Scioto, and on the Great and Little Miami, are perhaps the most extensive bodies of level and rich land in the State. In many parts there are large prairies, particularly on the head waters of the Muskingum and Scioto, and between the Scioto and the two Miamis. Some of these prairies are low and marshy; other prairies are elevated, and are frequently called barrens; not always on account of their sterility, for they are often fertile The most elevated tracts of country between the rivers, are the wettest and most marshy in the State; and the driest land is that which borders on the rarious streams of water.

Ohio produces abundantly everything which grows in the middle States. Flour is exported in vast quantities by the Ohio and Lake Erie to southern and castern markets. Many steam-mills have been erected, especially in the vicinity of the Ohio rives, for the manufacturing of that article. Mills for the same purpose, propelled by water, are to be found in every part of the State. Rye, oats, buckwheat, &c., are produced abundantly; and to acco is raised to the amount of 50,000 hogsheads annually. Horses, cattle, and hogs are here raised in great numbers, and driven to an eastern market; and thousands of barrels of beef and pork are boated from all the towns on the navigable streams, for the southern

part of the valley, or to New York.

Coal is found in great quantities in the eastern parts. Iron ore has been discovered, and wrought pretty extensively in several places. Salt-springs are found on some of the eastern waters of Muskingum, and on Salt creek, 28 miles south-east of Chillicothe, where there are considerable salt-works.

The manufactures of the State are rapidly increasing in importance. The local position of Ohio gives it great facilities for trade; the Ohio river affords direct communication with all the country in the valley of the Mississippi, while by means of Lake Erie, on the north, it communicates with Canada and New York. The northern and eastern counties export great quantities of agricultural produce to Montreal and New York, and since the construction of the Ohio and Pennsylvania canals, many of the productions of the southern and western counties also find their way to New York and Philadelphia; an active export trade is also carried on down the river, by way of New Orleans.

OHIO.

The rapid growth of the population of Ohio has never been paralleled; in 59 ears from the time when it received its first white settlers, the number of its inhabitants was a million and a half, and is now (1845) estimated at 1,800,000. Its fertile and unoccupied lands attracted immigrants not only from the other States, chiefly the Eastern and Middle, but large bodies of Swiss and Germans, and great numbers of British emigrants, have estiled themselves in its smalling válleys and rich plains.

The population in 1790 was 3000; in 1800, 45,365; in 1810, 930,760; in 1820, 581,434; in 1830, 937,637; in 1840, 1,519,467; being the third in population in the United States. Of these, 775,360 were white males; 726,762 white females; 8740 coloured males; 8602 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 272,579; in commerce, 9201; in manufactures and trades, 66,265; in paviating the ocean, 212; do. rivers, canals, and lakes, 3323; in mining, 704; in the learned professions, 5663.

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There were in this State \$\cdot 1840, 430,537\$ horses and mules; 1,217,874 neat cattle; 2,028,401 sheep; 2,6.2,746 swine. Poultry was produced to the value of \$551,193. There were produced 16,571,661 bushels of wheat; 814,205 of rye; 33,668,144 of Indian corn; 212,440 of barley; 633,139 of buckwheat; 14,393,103 of oats; 5,805,021 of potatoes; 3,685,315 pounds of wool; 5,942,275 of tobacco; 6,363,386 of sugar; 62,195 of hops; 38,950 of wax; 4317 of silk cocoons; 1,022,037 tons of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$1,848,869; of the orchard, at \$475,271; of lumber, at \$262,821. There were made 11,524 gallons of wine; 6809 tons of pot and pearl ashes.

The exports of the State, in 1841, were \$793,114; and the imports were \$11,318. This includes but a small portion of its trade, having relation only to its foreign commerce.

its foreign commerce, Home-made or family goods were manufactured to the amount of \$1,853,937; 130 woollen manufactories and 206 fulling-mills produced articles to the value of \$685,757, and employed a capital of \$537,985; 8 cotton manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$139,378, with a capital of \$113,500; 72 furnaces manufactured 35,236 tons of cast-iron, and 19 forges produced 7466 tons of bar-iron, and employed a capital of \$1,161,900; 434 persons produced 3,513,409 bushels of bituminous coal, with a capital of \$45,525; 14 paper-mills produced articles to the amount of \$270,209, with a capital of \$208,200; 31 persons manufactured hemp or flax, producing to the amount of \$11,737; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$728,513; 812 tanneries employed a capital of \$957,383; 1160 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$1,986,146, with a capital of \$917,245; 187 persons manufactured tobacco to the amount of \$212,818, with a capital of \$68,810; 289 persons produced hardware and cutlery to the amount of \$393,300; 390 distilleries produced 6,329,467 gallons of distilled spirits, and 59 breweries produced 1,422,584 gallons of beer, the whole employing a capital of \$893,119; carriages and wagons were manufactured to the amount of \$701,288, and employed a capital of \$290,540; 536 flouring-mills produced 1,311,954 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$8,868,213, employing a capital of \$4,931,024; vessels were built to the amount of \$529,855. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$16,905,257.

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The University of Ohio, at Athens, was founded in 1821; the Miami University, at Oxford, in 1809. These institutions have been publicly endowed with large grants of land. Franklin College, at New Athens, was founded in 1825; the Western Reserve College, at Hudson, in 1826; Kenyon College, at Gambia (Episcopal), in 1826; Granville College, at Granville (Baptist), in 1832; Marietta College, at Marietta, in 1832; the Oberlin Collegiate Institute, at Oberlin, in 1834; Cincinnati College, at Cincinnati, in 1819; as was also Woodward College, at the same place. Willoughby College, at Willoughby, is a medical institution, it was founded in 1834; Lane Theological Seminary, at Cincinnati, in 1829. There are theological departments in Kenyon, Western Reserve, and Granville colleges, and in the Oberlin Institute; a Lutheran theological colleges, and in the Oberlin Institute; a Lutheran theological colleges, and Reserve, and Granville colleges, and in the Oborlin Institute; a Lutheran theoloical school at Columbus, and two medical and one law school at Cincinnati. At all these institutions there were, in 1840, 1717 students. There were in the

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In 1836 the Presbyterians had 247 ministers; the Methodists had 200 ministers; the Baptists had 170 ministers; the Lutherans had 47 ministers; the Episcopalians had one bishop and 25 ministers; the German Reformed had 26 ministers; and there were besides, a considerable number of Friends, Roman Catho-

lice, and a few others.

This State has some important works of internal improvement. The Ohio Canal extends from Cleveland on Lake Erie, 307 miles, to Portsmouth on the Ohio. It has the following navigable branches; 14 miles to Zaneaville; 10 miles to Columbus; 9 miles to Lancaster; 50 miles to Athens; the Walholding branch of 33 miles; Eastport branch of 4 miles, and one of 2 miles, to Dreaden. This important work was begun in 1825, and finished in 1832. The Miami Canal extends from Cincinnati, 178 miles, to Defiance, where it meets the Wabash and Erie Canal; thus completing a second line of canal from Lake Erie to Ohio river. The whole distance from Lake Erie is 285 miles. The Mahoning Canal extends from the Ohio Canal, 88 miles, eight of which are in Pennsylvania, to Beaver river. The Sandy and Beaver Canal extends from the Ohio Canal, at Bolivar, 76 miles, to Ohio river, at the mouth of Little Beaver ereek, and is but partially completed. The Milan Canal extends from Huron, 3 miles, to Milan, to which steamboats now ascend. The Mad River and Sandusky City Rail-road extends from Tiffin, 36 miles, to Sandusky city, and is designed to be continued to Cincinnati; but is finished only 98 miles from Cincinnati. Several other railroads have been projected.

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Cincinnati, the largest city in the Western States, hence often called the "Queen of the West," is aituated on the north bank of the Ohio, opposite the mouth of Licking river. The streets are drawn with great regularity, in lines parallel and at right angles to the Ohio. Its growth has been uncommonly rapid; it was founded in 1789, and had, in the year 1800, 750 inhabitants; in 1890, 9642; in 1830, 24,831; and, in 1840, 46,338; including Fulton, Covington and Newport, which are properly suburbs of Cincinnati, the population amounted to 60,000. One-third of the adult population is computed to be German. There are in Cincinnati 43 churches; 7 banks; 4 market-houses; a theatre; museum; 3 colleges; a Mechanics' Institute; Academy of natural sciences; 2 libraries, and 3 Orphan Asylums. The city is supplied with water that is raised from the river, by steam-power, into reservoirs that are elevated 150 feet above low water mark. Cincinnati is the greatest pork market in the Union, 160,000 hogs, valued at \$3,172,000, have been slaughtered here in a year. The capital employed in the foreign commercial and commission business amounted, in 1840, to \$5,200,000; by 1035 retail stores, \$12,877,000; the manufactures employ 10,647 persons; a capital of \$14,541,849, and produce articles to the amount of \$17,432,670; this also includes some of the manufactures of Fulton, Covington and Newport.

Columbus, the capital of the State, is pleasantly situated on the Scioto, in a rich and beautiful district, at the intersection of the river by the National Road, and a branch of the Ohio Canàl. It is built on a regular plan, with a square in the centre of the town, round which stand some of the principal public buildings. Here are the State-House, a Lunatic Asylum, an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, an Iustitute for the Blind, a Penitentiary, conducted on the Auburn plan. Court-House, seven churches, a bank. &c. Population in 1840, 6048.

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Chillicothe stands between Paint Creek and the Scicto, and the streets, extending across the neck from river to river, are intersected at right angles by others running parallel to the Scicto. Population, in 1840, 3977. The manufactures of the place are pretty extensive, and are rapidly increasing. Portsmouth, at the southern end of the Ohio Canal, derives importance from its situation; its trade is considerable, and there are here several iron-founderies, nail-factories, saw and grist-mills, &c. Population, in 1840, 1500.

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Zanesville is situated at the head of steamboat navigation on the Muskingum, by which and the Ohio Canal it has a water communication with New Orleans and New York. The falls in the river have made Zanesville the seat of numerous

mills and menufacturing establishments, including flour-mills, saw-mills, iron-founderies, paper, cotton, and oil-mill glass-works, &c. Population, in 1840, including the village of Putnam, on populate side of the river, 7000. Two bridges cross the river here, and the town contains 9 churches, an atheneum, two scademics, &c. Marietts, at the mouth of the Muskingum, is the oldest town in the State; it is pleasantly situated partly on a lower and partly on an upper plain, with wide streets, shaded with trees, green squares, and neat buildings. There are numerous mounds and embankments in and around the town. Shipbuilding was formerly carried on here, and many steamboats are still built; seve ral sew-mills, an iron-foundery, tanneries, &c., also furnish occupation to the inhabitants, 1814 in number. Steubenville, on the Ohio, in the midst of a rich and populous district, contains a number of woollen and cotton manufactories, iron and brass founderies, steam-engine and machine factories, copperas works, iron and brass foundenes, steam-engine and machine factories, copperss works, several tanneries, and saw and flour-mills, cotton and woollen factories, with a population of 5203 souls. Cleveland, the most important lake-port of Ohio, stands at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river and of the Ohio Canal. Its harbour has been secured by artificial piers, and is commodious and easy of access. Populatiop, in 1840, 5071. Brooklyn, on the opposite side of the river, contained 1409 inhabitants. In 1842, at Cleveland, there were 2468 steamboats and other arrivals, and 2469 departures. Exports, \$5,851,898. In the same year there

were 80 sail of vessels belonging to this port, of which 5 were steam-boats.

Huron, a thriving town further west, is the depôt of a rich and flourishing district; Norwalk, in its rear, contains some manufacturing establishments, and 1800 inhabitants. Sandusky city is situated on a fine bay, with a good harbour, and is a busy and growing place. Perrysburg, at the head of steamboat navigation on the Maumee, is situated upon a high bank below the falls of the river; its situation combines great advantages been for navigation and manufactures. Population of each, 2000. Toledo, formerly Fort Lawrence, is a flourishing town further down the river, with 1222 i habitants.

Dayton, on the Miami, at the junction of the Mad river, which furnishes great number of mill-seats, is a rapidly growing town, in a highly productive region. It carries on an active trade by the Miami Canal, and it contains numerous saw and grist-mills, several woollen and cotton factories, an oil-mill, and other manufactories. Population, in 1840, 6067.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

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KENTUCKY is bounded on the north by the Ohio river, which separates it from the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; eas. by Virginia, south by Tennessee, and west by the Mississippi, which separates it from the State of Mississippi, the greatest length is about 400 miles, breadth 170, area 40,500 square miles. The principal rivers of Kentucky are the Ohio, Mississippi Tennessee, Cumberland, Kentucky, Green, Licking, Big Sandy, Salt, and Roiling.

The Cumberland Mountains form the south-east boundary of the State. The castern counties, bordering on Virginia, are mountainous and rugged. A tract from 5 to 20 miles wide, along the banks of the Ohio, is hilly and broken land, interspersed with many fertile valleys. Between this strip, Green river, and the eastern counties, lies what has been called the garden of the State. This is the most populous part, and is about 150 miles long, and from 50 to 100 wide. surface of this district is agreeably undulating, and the soil black and friable, producing black walnut, black cherry, honey locust, buckeye, pawpaw, sugartree, mulberry, elm, ash, cotton-wood, and white thorn. The whole State, below the mountains, rests on an immense bed of limestone, usually about eight feet below the surface. There are everywhere apertures in this limestone, through which the waters of the rivers sink into the earth. The large rivers of Ken tucky, for this reason, are more diminished during the dry season, than those of any other part of the United States, and the small streams entirely disappear. The banks of the rivers are natural curiosities; the rivers having generally worn

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skingum, by Orleans and of numerous very deep channels in the calcareous rocks over which they flow. The precipiese formed by Kentucky river are in many places awfully sublime, presenting perpendicular rocks of 300 feet of solid limestone, surmounted with a steep and difficult ascent, four times as high.

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The principal productions of Kentucky are corn, hemp, wheat, and tobacco. Salt springs are numerous, and supply not only this State, but a great part of Ohio and Tennessee, with this mineral. The principal manufactures are cloth, spirits, cordage, salt, and maple-sugar. Hemp, tobacco, and wheat, are the principal exports. These are carried down the Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans, and foreign goods received from the same place in return. Louisville, on the Ohio, is the centre of this trade.

In the south-west part of the State, between the Green and Cumberland rivers, are several wonderful caves. The Mammoth Cave, 130 miles from Lexington, on the road to Nashville, is one of the most remarkable caves in the world; it has been explored to a great distance, and is with good reason supposed to extend for 8 or 10 miles. The earth at the bottom is strongly impregnated with nitre, which has been to a considerable extent manufactured from it.

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The population, in 1790 was 73,677; in 1800, 220,859; in 1810, 401,511; in 1820, 564,317; in 1830, 688,844; in 1840, 779,828; of whom 128,258 were slaves. Of the free population, 365,323 were white males; 284,930 white females; 3761 were coloured males; 3556 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 197,738; in commerce, 3448; in manufactures and trades, 23,217; in navigating the ocean, 44; do. canals, rivers, and lakes, 968; in mining, 331; in the fearned professions, 2487.

There were in the State, in 1840, 395,853 horses and mules; 787,098 neat cattle; 1,008,340 sheep; 2,310,533 swine; poultry to the value of \$536,439. There were produced, 4,603,152 bushels of wheat; 17,491 of barley; 38,474,100 of Indian corn; 1,321,373 of rye; 7,155,974 of cats; 8169 of buckwheat; 1,055,085 of potatoes; 1,786,847 pounds of wool; 38,445 of wax; 53,436,909 of tobacco; 16,376 of rice; 691,456 of cotton; 1,377,835 of sugar; 88,306 tons of hay; 9992 of hemp and flax. The products of the dairy amounted to \$931,363; of the orchard, to \$434,935; of lumber, to \$130,329. There were 2909 gallons of wine made.

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Among the mineral productions, from-ore, soal, salt and lime are abundant. Salt was produced, in 1840, to the amount of 219,695 bushels. Home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$3,633, 163. The other manufactures, consisting chiefly of cotton and woollen goods, iron, tobacco, cordage, spirits, salt, &c., amounted to \$5,945,689.

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Transylvania University, at Laxington, was founded in 1798, and is a flourishing institution. Centre College, at Dauville, was founded in 1839; St. Joseph's College, at Bardstown, was founded in 1819; Augusta College, at Augusta, was founded in 1825; Georgetown College, at Georgetown, was founded in 1839; Bacon College, at Harrodsburg, was founded in 1836; St. Mary's College, Marion county, was founded in 1837. Transylvania University has a flourishing medical department, and there is a medical institution at Louisville. In the foregoing institutions there were, in 1840, 1419 students. There were 116 academies and grammar-schools, with 4995 students; 952 common and primary schools, with 34,641 scholars. There were in the State 40,010 white persons over 20 years of are who could neither read nor write.

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The Baptists, the most numerous religious denomination, had in 1836, 500 churches, 300 ministers, and 35,000 communicants. The Methodists had 100 travelling preachers and 31,400 communicants. The Presbyterians had 120 churches and about 10,000 communicants. The Episcopalians had one bishop and 13 ministers. The Roman Catholies had a bishop and 34 ministers. There were a considerable number of Cumberland Presbyterians and Reformed Baptists, two societies of Shakers, and one of Unitarians.

The most important work of internal improvement is the Louisville and Portland canel, 22 miles long, around the rapids in Ohio river. It admits steamboats of the largest class, is 50 feet wide at the surface, is excavated 10 feet deep in a compact limestone, and has an entire lookage of 22 feet. The navigation of

the Kentucky, Green and Licking rivers has been extensively improved by dame and locks. A rail-road extends from Lexington to Frankfort. It is designed to be continued to Louisville, but is for the present expended. Several other rail-

roads have been projected.

Lexington is the cidest town in the State, and was for many years the capital (it is situated in the centre of a rich tract of country, about 90 miles cent of Kentucky river. The streets are spacious and regularly laid out, and the houses and public buildings are neat and elegant. This city is more distinguished for its hospitable and polished society, and as an agreeable place of real-dence, than for bustle of business. The public buildings comprise the Halls of Transylvania University, the State Lunatic Asylum, 9 church-House, Court-House, Litt School, House, Court-House, Litt School, House, Court-House, Cou

Transjivania. University, the State Lunance Asylum, 9 coursenes, Controlleder, Jail, 9 banks, Orphan Asylum, Poor-House, City School-House, &c. There are a number of bagging and rope-factories, iron-founderies, &c. Population, 7500.

Frankfort, the capital of the State, stands on the right bank of Kentucky river, on an alluvial bottom, above which the river hills rise abruptly to the height of more then 900 feet. Steam-beats go up to Frankfort, 60 miles from the mouth of the river, and keel-boats much higher. The State-House is a handsome edition white of white markle of the river is and there is here. fice, built of white marble, taken from the banks of the river; and there is here

a penitentiary conducted on the Auburn plan.

Louisville, the principal city in Kentucky, is situated on the south bank of the Okio river, just above the falls of that river. The Louisville and Portland canal enables large steam-boats to reach Louisville at all stages of the water. This city carries on an extensive and valuable trade, many thousand flatboats arriving here yearly from all parts of the upper Ohio, and steamboats arriving and departing daily. The population, which in the year 1800 amounted to 600, was in 1840, 21,310, and in 1843, 28,643. The public buildings are 25 charches, a City Hall, Court-House, City and County Jail, Marine Hospital, Medical Institute, 5 banks, 4 markets, City Work-House, Hospital, 2 orphan asylums, School for the Blind, &c. Some of the hotels are among the finest in the Union. The manufactures of Louisville are extensive, and include founderies, steam-bagging factories, rope-walks, cotton and woollen factories, flouring-mills, &c. Portland is a growing village at the lower end of the canal.

Maysville is the first considerable town of Kentucky which is passed in descending the river Ohio. It is the depôt of the upper part of the State, and its trade is pretty extensive. Population in 1840, 2,741. Newport and Covington are thriving towns, situated on the opposite banks of the Licking river, and opposite to Cincinnati; they are the seats of some manufacturing industry, as well as of an active trade. The streets of Covington are so laid out that, but for the intervention of the Chicking of the Covington are so there of Chicking and the coving of restriction of the Ohio river, they would be a continuation of those of Cincinnation, 2026. Among the other towns in Kentucky are Harrodsburg, noted for its mineral springs, Danville, the seat of Centre College, Bardstown and Georgetown, the seats of Roman Catholic colleges, and Princeton, the seat of Cumberland College.

STATE OF TENNESSEE.

TENNESSEE is bounded north by Kentucky; east by North Carolina; south by Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi; and west by Arkansas. It is 430 miles long, and 104 broad, and contains 40,000 square miles.

The principal rivers are the Mississippi, Tennessee, Cumberland, Clinch, Duck, Holston, French-Broad, Nolichucky, Hiwassee, Tellico, Recifoot, Obion,

Forked Peer, Wolf, and Elk.

Tennesse is washed by the Mississippi on the west, and the rivers Tennessee and Cumberland pass through it in very serpentine courses. West Tennessee, lying between the Mississippi and the Tennessee rivers, is a level or slightly undulating plain: east of this section is Middle Tennessee, of a moderately hilly surface. The eastern part of the State adjoining North Carolina, is known by the name of East Tennessee: it abounds in mountains, many of them lotly, and presenting scenery peculiarly grand and picturesque. Of these mountains the

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Cumberland, or great Laurel Ridge, is the most remarkable. Stone, Iron, Bald, Smoky, or Unaka mountaine, join each other, and form, in a direction nearly north-east and south-west, the eastern boundary of the State.

The soil in a country so uneven must be very various. The western part of the State has a black, rich soil; in the middle there is much excellent land; in the castern, part of the mountains are barron, but there are many fertile valleys.

The climate is generally healthful. In East Tennessee, the heat is so tempered by the mountain-air on one side, and by refreshing breezes from the Gulf of Mexico on the other, that this part of the State has one of the most desirable climates in North America. The middle part resembles Kentucky in climate.

The great business of Tennessee is agriculture. It is the largest corn-growing State in the Union; in the year 1840, the crop amounted to almost 45 million bushels, or about 53 bushels to every individual in the State. The exports are cotton, corn, tobacco, flour, &cc. The principal commerce is carried on through the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, and from them through the Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans. This State also supplies Kentucky, Ohio, &c. with cotton for inland manufactures; and from East Tennessee considerable numbers of

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The most valuable mineral products of Tennessee are iron, gold, coal, and salt. Gold is found in the south-eastern section, but it has not been systematically worked. Iron occurs throughout the State cast of the Tennessee; there is a number of farmaces both in East and Middle Tennessee, which produced, in 1840, above 26,000 tons of metal. Coal is found in the Cumberland Mountains of any other sections and the section section and the section of the excellent quality. Marble, marl, buhr-stone, nitrous earth, and other useful minerals are met with, and there are some valuable mineral springs.

The population of Tennessee, in 1790, was 35,691; in 1800, 105,609; in 1810, 261,797; in 1890, 499,813; in 1830, 661,904; in 1840, 899,910; of whom 183,059 were slaves. Of the free population 395,434 were white males; 315,193 do, females; 3796 coloured males; 3798 do, females. Employed in agriculture, 227,739; in commerce, 2217; in manufactures and trades, 17,815; in navigating the ocean, 55; do. rivers and canals, 302; in the learned professions, 2042.

There were in the State in 1840, 341,409 horses and mules; 822,857 neat There were in the State in 1840, 341,449 horses and mules; \$22,557 near cattle; 741,593 sheep; 2,926,707 swine. Poultry was valued at \$606,969. There were produced 4,569,698 bushels of wheat; 304,390 of rye; 44,986,188 of Indian corn; 17,118 of buckwheat, 7,035,678 of cats; 190,370 of potatoes; 1,060,359 pounds of wool; 29,550,439 of tobacco; 7977 of rice; 27,701,277 of cotton; 258,073 of sugar; 31,933 toms of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$479,141; of the orchard at \$367,105; value of lumber produced.

217,606; 3366 barrels of tar, pitch, &c., were made.

Home-made or family manufactures, in 1840, amounted to \$2,886,661. There were 26 woollen factories and 4 fulling-mills, producing articles to the amount of \$14,290; 38 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$325,719; 34 furnaces produced 16,128 tons of cast-iron; and 99 forges produced 9673 tons of bar-iron; 21 persons produced 13,942 bushels of bituminous coal; 5 paper-mills produced articles to the amount of \$46,000, and other manufactories of paper produced to the amount of \$14,000; the whole employing a capital of \$93,000; 117 persons produced hats and caps to the amount of \$104,949; 454 tanneries employed a capital of \$404,114; 374 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$359,050, with a capital of \$154,540; 39 potteries produced to the amount of \$51,600; hardware and cutlery was produced to the amount of \$67,170; machinery to the amount of \$67,7704; 1426 distilleries produced 1,109,107 gallons of distilled spirits; and six breweries produced 1835 gallons of beer; carriages and wagons to the amount of \$219,897; 38 rope-walks produced cordage to the amount of \$139,630; 255 flouring-mills produced 67,881 barrels of flour; and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$1,020,664; with a capital of \$1,310,195. The total amount of capi-

tal employed in manufactures, in the State, was \$3,731,580.

Greenville College, at Greenville, in East Tennessee, was founded in 1794; Washington College, in Washington county, was founded in 1794; the Univer-

sity of Nashville, the principal institution in the State, was founded under Cumberland College, in 1806; the East Tennessee College, at Knoxville, was founded in 1807; Jackson College, near Columbia, was founded in 1830; the southwestern Theological Seminary, at Mayaville, was founded in 1831; the number of students in these institutions, in 1840, was 269. There were in the State 159 academies, with 5539 students; and 983 common and primary schools, with 35,099 scholars. There were in the State 39,531 white persons, ever 20 years of new who could neither wed new wite 59,531 white persons, ever 20 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

In 1836 the Methodists had 137 travelling preachers, and 34,366 communicants; the Baptists had 413 churches, 919 ministers, and 20,479 communicants; the Presbyterians had 130 churches, 90 ministers, and 10,000 communicants; the Episcopalians had a bishop and eight ministers. There were besides many Cumberland Presbyterians, and some Lutherans, Friends, Christians, and Roman

Some works of internal improvement have been commenced, but are at pres suspended. A rail-road from Memphis, on the Mississippi, 50 miles, to La Grange, in Lafayette county, is in progress. Somerville branch will extend from the main road, at Moscow, 16 miles, to Somerville. The Hiwassee Rail-road, from Knoxville, 98; miles, to the Georgia line, is intended to unite with the Western and Atlantic Rail-road of Georgia.

Nashville, the capital, and the most considerable city of the State, is situated on the south bank of Cumberland river. The site is elevated and uneven; the town is well built, containing, beside some elegant dwelling-houses, a Court-House, Market-House, Jail, Lunatic Asylum, State Penitentiary, 3 banks, 10 churches, the Halls of Nashville University, a female academy, and various other schools. The city is supplied with water from the Cumberland river, which is raised by a steam-engine into a reservoir that is elevated 66 feet above low-water mark; near a million gallons can be raised every 24 hours. Population, in 1840, 6900.

Clarkesville, below Nashville, is a thriving little town. Franklin, to the south of Nashville, is a busy town with 1500 inhabitants, who carry on some branches of mechanical and manufacturing industry pretty extensively.

Knoxville, which stands on the right bank of Holston river, was for some time the seat of government, and a place of considerable trade; its commercial importance, however, has of late diminished. Population 1500. It contains the Halls of East Tennessee College, a useful and flourishing institution. The other towns of this section, Blountville, Jonesboro, Rogeraville, and Maryville, are little villages of 300 or 600 inhabitants each.

In the southern part of the State, Winchester, Fayetteville, at the head of navigation on the Elk river, and Pulaski, are thriving little towns; the last mentioned has 900 inhabitants, and the two others about 700 each. Columbia on the Duck river, is one of the most flourishing towns in the State, and has about 1900 inhabitants; it is the seat of Jackson College. Murfreesboro, for some time the capital of the State, is pleasantly situated in a very rich and highly cultivated district, and it has a population of 1500. Bolivar, at the head of navigation on the Hatchee, is a very growing and busy town; Randolph, on the second Chickssaw Bluff, below the mouth of the Big Hatchee river, has a good harbour for steamboats in all stages of the water, and is conveniently placed for the outlet of a productive region. Memphis is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi river, on the fourth Chickssaw Bluff, where old Fort Pickering stood. It has one of the best sites for a commercial emporium on the Mississippi river. bluff is 30 feet above the highest floods. The trade of this place is already equal to that of any town between St. Louis and New Orleans. It contains 4 churches; an academy; 53 stores, and 5000 inhabitants. A United States navy-yard is to be located here, and it is already commenced. A rail-road to La Grange is in use; it is designed to form a part of the Memphis and Charleston Rail-road.

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STATE OF INDIANA.

Indiana is bounded on the north by the State of Michigan and Luke Michigan; est by Ohio; south by the Ohio river, which separates it from Kentucky, and west by Illinois, from which it is separated in part by the Wabash river. The mean length is about 260, and mean breadth 140 miles; area, about 36,000 square

The Ohio river flows for 350 miles along the southern extremity of the State. Next to the Ohio is the Wabash, which with its branches, the White, Patoka, Tippecance, Eel, Salamanic and Mississinewa rivers, water all the central parts of the State. In the north-west is the Kankakee river, a tributary of the Illimois; in the north and north-east are the rivers St. Joseph of Michigan, and the St. Joseph of Maumee; the former flows into Lake Michigan, and the latter, uniting with the St. Mary at Fort Wayne, forms the Maumee river, which flows into Lake Erie. In the south-east is the White Water river, a tributary of the Miami. In the south are a number of small rivers and creeks which flow into the Ohio, none of which are of importance.

There are no mountains in Indiana; the country, however, is more hilly than Illinois, particularly towards Ohio river. A range of low hills, called the Knobs, extends from the falls of the Ohio to the Wabash, in a south-west direction, which in many places produce a broken and uneven surface. North of these hills lie the Flat Woods, 70 miles wide. Bordering on all the principal streams, except the Ohio, there are strips of bottom and prairie land; both together, from three to six miles in width.

For a wide extent on the north front of the State, between Wabash river and Lake Michigan, the country is generally an extended plain, alternately prairie and timbered land, with a great proportion of swampy lands, and small lakes and ponds. The prairies bordering on Wabash river are particularly rich, having ordinarily a vegetable soil from 2 to 5 feet deep. Perhaps no part of the western world can show a greater extent of rich land in one body than that portion of the White river country, of which Indianapolis is the centre. The natural growth of the soil consists of oak of several kinds, ash, beech, buckeye, walnut, cherry, maple, elm, eassafras, linden, honey-locust, cotton-wood, sycamore, and mulberry.

The principal productions are wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, buckwheat, barley, potatoes, beef, pork, butter, cheese, &c.

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have no great interest. The population, in 1800, was 5641; in 1810, 24,520; in 1820, 147,178; in 1830, 341,582; in 1840, 685,866. Of these there were 352,773 white males; 325,925 white females; 3731 coloured males; 3434 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 148,806; in commerce, 3076; in manufactures and trades, 20,590; in mining, 233; in navigating the ocean, 89; do. canals, lakes, and rivers, 677; in the learned professions, 2257.

In 1840 there were in this State 946,036 horses and mules; 619,980 neat cattle; 675,982 sheep; 1,623,608 swine; poultry to the value of \$357,594. There were produced, 4,049,375 bushels of wheat; 129,621 of rye; 28,155,887 of Indian produced, 4,049,375 busness of wheat; 149,021 of rye; 28,150,887 of indian corn; 28,015 of barley; 5,981,605 of cate; -1,525,794 of potatoes; 1,237,919 pounds of wool; 1,820,306 of tobacco; 3,727,795 of sugar; 38,591 of hops; 30,647 of war; 178,647 tons of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$742,269; of the orchard, at \$40,055; of lumber, at \$420,971; of furs and skins, at \$220,883. There were made 10,265 gallons of wine.

In 1840, the amount of capital engaged in foreign trade was \$1,207,400; in

the retail trade, \$5,664,687.

The amount of home-made or family manufactures was \$1,289,802; 24 fullingmills and 37 woollen manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$58,867; 19 cotton factories produced articles to the amount of \$135,400; 7 furnaces produced 810 tons of cast-iron; 1 forge produced 20 tons of bar-iron; 47 persons mined 242,040 bushels of bituminous coal; paper was manufactured to the

amount of \$132,844; shoes, boots, saddleries, &c., to the amount of \$730,001; machinery to the amount of \$133,808; 323 distilleries produced 1,787,108 gallons of distilled spirits; 20 breweries produced 188,399 gallons of beer; carriages and wagons were manufactured to the amount of \$163,135; 304 flouring-mills manufactured 224,634 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$2,329,134; vessels were built to the amount of \$107,323. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$4,133,043.

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Indiana College, at Bloomington, was founded in 1927; South Hanover College, at South Hanover, in 1829; Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, in 1833; the Indiana Asbury University, in 1839. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 323 students. There were in the State 54 academies, with 2946 students, and 1521 common and primary schools, with 48,189 scholars. In 1840, there

were 38,100 white persons over 20 years of age who could neither read nor write. In 1836, the Baptista had 334 churches and 218 ministers; the Presbyterians had 109 churches and 70 ministers; the Methodists about 70 circuit preachers; the Lutherans, in 1830, had 30 congregations and 8 ministers. Besides these there are many Friends, some Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and some Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists of different descriptions, not included in the above.

The principal work of internal improvement undertaken by this State is the Wabash and Eric canal, which extends from Lafayette, at the head of steam-boat navigation on the Wabash, 187 miles, to the navigable waters of Lake Eric at Toledo, on Maumee Bay. The Whitewater Canal extends from Lawrenceville, at the mouth of the river, 76 miles, to Cambridge city, on the National Road. It is also to be extended by a branch to Cincinnati, which is in progress. The Madison and Indianapolis rail-road, from Madison on the Ohio river, 95 miles to Indianapolis, is in progress and nearly completed. Other works of internal improvement have been projected and begun, but are at present suspended.

Indianapolis, the capital of the State, stands on the left bank of the west fork of White river; it is laid out with much regularity, and with wide, spacious streets. The public buildings are the State-House, Governor's House, a bank, 11 churches, 10 schools, 4 libraries, 1 county seminary, with philosophical and chemical apparatus, 4 printing-offices, 48 stores, 10 mills of various kinds, and various other manufacturing establishments. Population, in 1843, about 3500. The national road passes through the town.

New Albany is the largest town in the State; it is on the Ohio river, a few miles below the falls. Population, 4226. The principal buildings are a Court-House, Jail, 9 churches, bank, insurance office, Lyceum, male and female seminary, theological college, &c.; there are also a number of manufactories of various kinds. Jeffersonville, which stands opposite to Louisville, is a thriving town, with 800 inhabitants. It contains the State prison. Madison, on the Ohioriver, some distance farther up, is a flourishing town with 3798 inhabitants; it has 6 churches, a Court-House, Jail, Bank, Savings Bank, 50 stores, with several manufactories, mills, &c. Vevay was founded by a Swiss colony, with 1200 inhabitants. The grape has been successfully cultivated here, and the town is surrounded by vineyards. Lawrenceburg, on the Ohio, just below the mouth of White Water river, carries on an extensive trade, but its site being low, it is sometimes subject to inundation during very high stages of the water.

New Harmony, on the Wabash river, was founded by the German sect called Harmonites, under the direction of Mr. Rapp. In 1824 it was bought by Mr. Owen, of Lanark, who attempted to put in operation here his new Social System: the scheme failed, and his followers were dispersed, but the village is now a flourishing place in other hands. Vincennes, higher up the river, is the oldest town in the State; it was founded by the French, in 1730. It contains 2000 inhabitants, about a fifth of whom are French. Terre Haute, Lafayette, and Logansport, are small but flourishing towns on the Wabash river. Richmond, on the National Road, near the Ohio State line, is also a populous little town. The city of Michigan, founded in 1835, at the head of Lake Michigan, is the only harbour on the lake in the State. It is well situated for trade, and has about 700 inhabitants.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Thus fertile and improving State is bounded north by Wisconsin Territory, east by Indiana, south by Kentucky, and west by the States of Missouri and Iowa. Its medium length is about 350 miles, and medium breadth 170; the area being

59,500 square miles.

The Miseissippi, Ohio, and Wabash, form about two-thirds of the whole

boundary of the State. The other most considerable rivers are the Illinois, Kas-kaskia, Muddy, Little Wabash, Rock, Sangamon, Embarras, Fox, Des Plaines, &c. The southern and middle parts of the State are for the most part level. The north-western section is a hilly, broken country, though there are no high hills. The climate resembles that of Indiana and Ohio. The soil is generally very fertile, and yields abundant harvests.

Corn is the staple agricultural production of the State. Wheat is also raised in large quantities, and yields flour of superior quality; rye is much used for distillation. Hemp, tobacco, and cotton, are cultivated; the latter is mostly consumed in household manufactures. Large herds of cattle are kept, and great numbers are driven out of the State, or sent down the river in flat-boats. Thousands of hogs are raised, and pork is largely exported.

Coal, salt, and lime, iron, lead, and copper, are among the mineral productions of Illinois. Coal is abundant in many quarters, and is worked to some extent. Lead is found in the north-western corner of the State in exhaustless quantities. The Indians and French had been long accustomed to procure the ore, but it was not until 1822 that the process of separating the metal was begun. Since that time the business has been actively pursued, and as much as 6000 tons of lead have been smelted in one year. Some salt is made near Shawneetown; near Danville, on the Little Vermillion; and near Brownville, on Muddy creek. The salt springs are owned by the United States, and leased to the manufacturers.

The population of Illinois has increased with the same amazing rapidity as that of the neighbouring States. The constitution provides that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall hereafter be introduced into the State, otherwise than for the punishment of crimes; and as negroes coming into the State are required to give bonds with security, that they will not become chargeable as paupers, there are few blacks.

The population, in 1810, was 12,282; in 1820, 55,211; in 1830, 157,575; in 1840, 476,183; of whom 255,235 were white males; 217,019 do. females; 1876 coloured males; 1722 do. females. Employed in agriculture, 105,337; in commerce, 2506; in manufactures and trades, 13,185; in mining, 782; in navigating the ocean, 63; do. lakes, rivers, and canals, 310; in the learned professions,

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There were in the State, in 1840, 199,235 horses and mules; 626,274 neat cattle; 395,672 sheep; 1,495,254 swine. Poultry valued at \$309,204. There were produced, 3,335,393 bushels of wheat; 82,251 of barley; 4,988,008 of oats; 88,197 of rye; 57,884 of buckwheat; 22,634,211 of Indian corn; 2,025,520 of potatoes; 650,007 pounds of wool; 17,742 of hops; 200,947 of cotton; 564,326 of tobacco; 399,813 of sugar; 1150 of silk cocoons; 1976 tons hemp and flax; 164,932 of hay. The products of the dairy were valued at \$428,175; of the orchard at \$126,756; of lumber at \$203,666; of skins and furs at \$39,412.

Home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$993,567; 4 folling-mills and 16 woollen manufactories produced goods to the amount of \$9540; 5 furnaces produced 158 tons of cast-iron; 20 smelting-houses produced 8,755,000 pounds of lead; 22 persons produced 20,000 bushels of salt; hats and caps were manufactured to the amount of \$28,395; 155 tanneries employed a capital of \$155,679; 626 other manufactories of leather, as saddleries, &c., produced articles to the amount of \$247,217; machinery was produced to the amount of \$37,790; 150 distilleries produced 1,551,684 gallons of distilled spirits; 11 breweries produced 90,300 gallons of beer; carriages and wagons were produced to the amount of \$144,369; 98 flouring-mills produced 172,657 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, manufactured articles to the amount of \$9,417,826; vessels were built to the amount of \$39,200. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$3,136,512.

Illinois College, at Jacksonville, was founded in 1829; Shurtleff College, in Upper Alton, in 1835; M'Kendree College, in Lebanon, in 1834; M'Donough College, at Macomb, in 1837. In these institutions there were, in 1840, 311 students. There were in the State 42 academies, with 1967 students; 1241 common and primary schools, with 34,876 scholars, and 27,502 white persons, over 21 years of age, who could neither read nor write.

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The Methodists are the most numerous denomination; the Baptists and Presbyterians are the next in point of numbers; the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics are less numerous; and there are some other denominations.

In 1836 this State adopted an extensive system of internal improvements, consisting of canals and rail-roads, most of which must be left to another generation to complete. The Illinois and Michigan Canal, the most important of them all, is in progress, and will probably be completed. It extends from Chicago river, about 5 miles from Chicago, to the head of steamboat navigation on the Illinois river, at Peru, 106 miles; it is 60 feet wide at the top, and 6 feet deep. A rail-road extends from Springfield, 53 miles, to Merodosia, on Illinois river. Coal Mine Bluffs Rail-road extends from Mississippi river, 6 miles, to the coal mine. Other rail-goods have been commenced, but they are at present suspended.

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The principal town in Illinois is Chicago, on Lake Michigan, at the mouth of a small river of the same name. The canal now in progress from this city to the Illinois river, when completed, will bring to it a vast increase of trade. It is all the on both sides of the river. An artificial harbour has been made to metruction of piers, which, extending some distance into the lake, proven a accumulation of sand on the bar. The town has grown up within it. It years, and contains 6 churches, a Court-House, Jail, U. S. Land-Office, an academy, Fire Insurance Co., with numerous stores and manufactories. The

city is supplied with water from the lake. Population, in 1840, 4500.

Vandalia, the late capital of the State, is a small town with 800 inhabitants. It is on the route of the National Road, on the west bank of the Kaskaskia river, about 80 miles north-east of St. Louis. Alton, situated two miles and a half above the mouth of the Missouri, and eighteen below that of the Illinois, on the Mississippi river, is the most commercial town in the State. Possessing a commodious harbour, with an excellent landing for steamboats, it has become the centre of an active and growing trade. Population, 2340. There are here 6 churches, a bank, Lyceum, Mechanics' Association, 8 schools, 5 penitentiary, and 3 printing-offices; and the picturesque site of the town is well set off by its neat houses, surrounded by tasteful piazzas and gay shrubbery. Upper Alton, 3 miles in the rear of Alton, is the seat of Shurtleff College, and a theological seminary. Edwardsyille is a neat and thriving village, to the north of Alton.

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Cahokia and Kaskaskia are old French villages on the American Bottom, settled as early as the year 1683, with from 500 to 800 inhabitants each, most of whom are French.

Springfield, the capital of Illinois, is near the centre of the State, on the border of a beautiful prairie, and surrounded by one of the most fertile tracts in the Union. It contains the State-House, Court-House, market-house, Jail, U. S. Land-Office, 3 academies, 6 churches, 34 stores, one iron-foundery, 4 carding machines, 3 printing-offices. Population, 2579.

Jacksonville is one of the largest inland towns in the State; it is on an elevated ground, in the midst of a delightful prairie. Population, 2500. Carrollon, further south, is also a growing village.

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Peoria is situated at the foot of the lake of that name, and on the Illinois river.

It contains 1467 inhabitants. Ottawa, above the Rapids, and near the western termination of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, is also a flourishing village, with deep water and a good landing.

Quincy is on the east bank of the Mississippi, 104 miles west of Springfield; it is a thriving town, and has 1500 inhabitants. Rock Island city is at the junction of the Mississippi and Brock rivers; it is laid out on an extensive scale, and includes Stephenson village. Population, 700. Galena city, near the north-

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Nauvoo, be city of the Mormons, is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi river, 144 miles north-west of Springfield; it is 4 miles by 3 in extent, and contains more than 1000 buildings and 7000 inhabitants. The chief public buildings are the Nauvoo-House, a spacious hotel, in part of which Joe Smith, the late Mormon prophet, resided; the Nauvoo Temple, an edifice 130 by 100 feet, designed as the grand Cathedral of the Mormon sect; and a university, with a president and several professors. A military body, called the Nauvoo Legion, consisting of from 2000 to 3000 men, properly officered, armed and disciplined, has been organized here. About 3000 Mormons reside beyond the bounds of the city. It is proposed to call this place the City of Joseph, in honour of the deceased prophet.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The State of Michigan consists of two distinct peninsulas. The southernmont, or Michigan Proper, has its base resting upon the States of Ohio and Indiana, and is bounded on the east and northeast by Lake Huron, for a distance of 250 miles; Lake Michigan is its western boundary for an extent of 260 miles. It is in length about 288, and in breadth, at the widest part, 190 miles. Area, 38,000 agus miles.

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The northern peninsula lies north-west of the southern; it was nominally attached to Michigan, while under a territorial government, and was added permanently to her territory when admitted into the Union as a State. It is bounded north by Lake Superior; east by St. Mary's river; south by Lake Michigan; and south-west by the Mennomonie and Montreal rivers; length, from east to west, about 320 miles; breadth, from 160 to 30 or 40 miles; area, 28,000 square miles; area of the State, 66,000 miles.

The northern peninsula is yet but imperfectly known; the surface is more irregular than that of the southern section, and is much less suited for agricultural purposes; but it is nevertheless important on account of the quantities of pine timber, and minerals, which abound in various parts; and also from the valuable fisheries on the shores of Lake Superior. The shores of the latter are mostly low, and but little indented by bays and harbours; and as the prevailing winds are from the north-west, and sweep with great fury over the lake, navigation is

more stormy and dangerous than along the Canada shore.

The Pictured Rocks are a remarkable natural curiosity, and extend along the southern shore of Lake Superior, a distance of 12 miles. They form a perpendicular wall, 300 feet high, presenting a great variety of romantic projections and indentations, having the appearance of landscapes, buildings, and various objects delineated by the hand of man; among the features that attract admiration are the cascade La Portaille, and the Doric Arch. The cascade consists of a considerable stream precipitated from the height of about 70 feet, by a single leap, into the lake. The Doric Rock, or Arch, has the appearance of a work of art, consisting of an isolated mass of sandstone, with 4 pillars, supporting a stratum or entablature of stone, covered with soil, and giving support to a handsome growth of spruce and pine trees, some of which are 50 or 60 feet high.

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The native inhabitants of this region are some bands of the Chippeways, on the shores of Lake Superior, comprising only about 1400 or 1500.

The southern peninsula is generally a level country, having no elevation that can properly be called a hill; its centre is a table-land, elevated 30 or 40 feet above the level of the lakes. Along the coast of Lake Huron there are in places high bluffs: and along the east shore of Lake Michigan are hills of pure sand, of from 50 to several hundred feet in height, which have been blown up by the almost constant western winds sweeping over the lake.

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The peninsula abounds in rivers: none of them have much extent of course, and but few are navigable to any considerable distance inland. Grand river is the largest: it empties into Lake Michigan: its whole course is about 150 miles, and it is navigable 50 miles from the lake to the rapids for aloops and steasboats, and above that point there is sufficient depth of water for boats 50 miles farther. The St. Joseph's river is a considerable stream, and empties into Lake Michigan at the south-west angle of the territory. It is, like Grand river, navigable for large sloops to the rapids, and above them has a still farther extent of boat navigation. It flows through a very fertile region, variegated by praises and high forests; the country on this river is not surpassed, in point of beauty and fertility, by any in the Luion. The other considerable streams which flow into Lake Michigan are the Kalamazoo, Grand, Maskegon, Pentwater, Manistic, and Aux Betises. Those which flow into Lake Erie are the Raisin and Huvon rivers. The Clinton is the only considerable river which falls into Lake St. Clair. The Belle, and Black, or Dulude, fall into St. Clair river. The Saginaw, running northward, falls into Saginaw Bay, of Lake Huron. Many other, but smaller streams, fall into the same lake, such as the Thunder Bay, Sandy, Aux Carpe and Cheboeigon rivers.

Wheat, Indian corn, and the other productions of this section of the Union, are raised easily, and in abundance. It is a country highly favourable to cultivated grasses. No inland country, according to its age, population, and circumstances, has a greater trade. A number of steam-boats and lake vessels are constantly plying in this trade, which is with Detroit, Chicago, Ohio and New York.

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The climate of this region, in consequence of its being level and peninsular, and adjacent to such large bodies of water, is more temperate than could be expected from its latitude. The southern counties have mild winters, and the apring opens as early as in any part of the United States in the same latitude: the position of the northern division subjects it to a Canadian temperature. The winter commences early in November, and does not terminate until the end of March.

The population, in 1810, was 4528; in 1820, 9048; in 1830, 31,639; in 1840, 212,367. Of these 113,395 were white males; 98,165 do. females; 393 coloured males; 314 do. females. Employed in agriculture, 56,521; in commerce, 728; in manufactures and trades, 6390; in nevigating the ocean, 24; do. canals, lakes, and rivers, 166; in mining, 40; in the learned professions, 904.

There were in 1840, 30,144 horses and mules; 185,190 neat cattle; 99,618 sheep; 295,890 swine; poultry was produced to the value of \$82,730. There were produced 2,157,108 bushels of wheat; 187,802 of barley; 2,114,057 of oats; 34,236 of rye; 2,227,039 of Indian corn; 113,592 of buckwheat; 2,109,205 of potatoes; 153,375 pounds of wool; 1,329,784 of sugar; 130,805 tons of hay; 755 of hemp or fax. The products of the dairy were valued at \$301,052; of the orchard at \$16,905; and of lumber at \$392,325.

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The exports of Michigan, in 1840, amounted to \$162,229; and the imports to \$138,610. Capital employed in foreign trade \$177,500; capital employed in the retail trade \$2,226,988; capital employed in the lake fisheries \$28,640.

The amount of home-made or family articles was \$113,955; capital employed in manufactures, in 1840, \$3,112,240; more than \$2,400,000 of which was invested in flouring, and other mills.

Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, has departments of literature, science, and the arts, and of law and medicine. It has academic branches at Detroit, Ann Arbor, Monroe, Kalamazoo, White Pigeon, and Trumseh. Marshall College, at Marshall, and St. Philip's College, near Detroit, are respectable institutions. These colleges had, in 1840, 158 students. There were in the State 12 academies, with 485 students; and 975 common and primary schools, with 29,701 ocholars. There were 2173 white persons, over 20 years of age, that could neither read nor write.

In 1836 the Presbyterians had 49 churches and 19 ministers; the Baptists had 17 churches and 11 ministers; the Roman Catholics had one bishop and 18 ministers; the Episcopalians had one bishop and 4 ministers; and the Methodists were considerably numerous.

The most important works of internal improvement are the Central Rail-road,

now completed from Detroit to Jackson, 80 miles; the Southern Railroad is completed and in operation from Monroe to Adrian, 36 miles. The Eric and Kalamazoo Rail-road is in operation, 30 miles, from Toledo to Adrian. The Detroit and Pontiac Rail-road is in operation, 25 miles, from Detroit to Pontiac. Other works which have been projected are, for the present, suspended or abandoned.

The city of Detroit, the capital of Michigan, stands on the western shore of Detroit river, which unites Lakes Erie and St. Clair. Few places are better situated for a commercial city, and few have a more solid promise of permanent properity. It is regularly laid out with the streets crossing each other at right angles. The chief public buildings are the State-House, City Hall, 8 churches, 4 banks, 3 market-houses, a theatre, circus, State Penitentiary, County Jail, Government Magazine, Mechanics' Hall, &c. There are 3 female seminaries, severel high schools for boys, and 12 public schools. The Michigan State Library contains 2000 volumes. Detroit is finely situated for trade; the navigation of the river and lake are open about 8 months in the year. The arrivals of vessels and steam-boats is about 300 annually, and clearances the same. The tonnage of the port, in 1840, was 11,432. Population, 9102.

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STATE OF MISSOURI.

Missouri is bounded north by Iowa; west by the Western or Indian Territory; east by the Mississippi river, which separates it from Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee; and south by the State of Arkansas. Its length is about 280 miles, and medium breadth 230, the area being about 65,000 square miles. The Mississippi river forms the whole of the eastern, and the Missouri a portion of the western boundary of the State. The western line of the State, south of the Missouri river, is the meridian which passes through the point of junction of the Kansas and the Missouri rivers.

Besides the great rivers Mississippi and Missouri, this State is watered by others of smaller magnitude. The largest are the Osage, Grand, Salt, Chariton, Gasconade, Merrimac or Maranec, Big Black, and St. Francis. The Osage is a large river, navigable for boats 660 miles. Between the Osage and Missouri, and north of the latter, the country is undulating and agreeably diversified; while in the south-east, between the Big Black river and the Mississippi, the whole tract, with the exception of a narrow strip on the border of the latter, is a low, inundated morass, forming a portion of the great swamp of which the principal part is in the State of Arkansas.

The lands bordering on the Missouri are very fertile. They consist of a stratum of black alluvial soil, of unknown depth. On receding from the banks of the rivers, the land rises, passing sometimes gradually, and sometimes abruptly, into elevated barrens, flinty ridges, and rocky cliffs. A portion of the State is therefore, unfit for cultivation; but this part of it, however, is rich in mineral

treasures. The land is either very fertile or very poor; it is either bostom land or cliff, either prairie or barron: there is very little of an intermediate quality. The climate is remarkably serene and temperate, and very favourable to health.

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State is, n mineral Missouri is admirably adapted for a grazing country, and large herds of cattle, horses, and swine are raised. Beef, pork, tailow, hides, and live-stock constitute important articles of export. Cotton is produced in the southern part of the State, but not in considerable quantities; tobacco is more extensively grown, and hemp, wheat, Indian corn, and the other cereal grains are cultivated with success.

The lead mines of Missouri are estimated to cover an area of 3000 square miles; the centre of the lead district is about 70 miles south-west from St. Louis. These mines were wrought by the Franch 100 years ago. In 1840, there was made here about 2400 tons of lead. South of the lead region is the noted from mountain, one of the greatest curiosities of the kind in the world; it is a mile broad at its base, 3 miles long, and from 300 te 450 feet high, filled with micaceous oxide of iron, which yields 80 per cent. of the pure metal. Not far distant is another body of iron ere equally rich, called the Pilot Knob, a mile and a half wide at the base, and 300 feet high. In this region are likewise found copper, zinc, manganese, sutimony, calamine, cobalt, &c.

Numerous shot-factories are established along the high rocky bluffs of the Mississippi, which renders the erection of towers unnecessary. Iron is found in inexhaustible quantities, and is pretty extensively wrought. Coal also abounds particularly along the Missouri, and aluminous and nitrous earth, marble, saltsprings, sulphuretted and thermal waters, &c., occur.

The population of the State, in 1810, was 19,832; in 1820, 66,586; in 1830, 140,074; in 1840, 383,702; of whom 58,240 were slaves. Of the free population, 173,470 were white males; 150,418 white females; 883 coloured males; 691 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 92,408; in commerce, 2523; in manufactures and trades, 11,100; in mining, 742; in navigating the ocean, 39; do, rivers, lakes and canals, 1885; in the learned professions, 1496. By a census taken by authority of the State in 1844, the population was found to have increased to 511,937, of whom 70,300 were slaves.

There were in 1840, 196,132 horses and mules; 433,875 neat cattle; 348,018 sheep; 1,271,161 awine. There were produced, 1,037,386 bushels of wheat; 68,608 of rye; 17,332,524 of Indian corn; 15,318 of buckwheat; 9801 of barley; 2,234,947 of oats; 783,768 of potatoes; 562,265 pounds of wool; 9,067,913 of tobacco; 121,121 of cotton; 274,853 of sugar; 49,083 tons of hay; 18,010 of hemp or flax; poultry valued at \$270,647. The products of the dairy were valued at \$100,439; of the orchard, at \$90,878; of lumber, at \$70,355.

Home-made or family manufactures amounted to \$1,149,544; 9 woollen manufactories produced articles to the amount of \$13,750; 2 furnaces produced 180 tons of cast-iron, and 4 forges produced 118 tons of bar-iron; 21 smelting-houses produced 5,295,455 pounds of lead; 69 persons produced 249,302 bushels of bituminous coal; 36 persons produced 13,150 bushels of salt; machinery was produced to the amount of \$190,412; 293 distilleries produced 508,368 gallons of distilled spirits; 7 breweries produced 374,700 gallons of beer; wagons and carriages were produced to the amount of \$97,112; 64 flouring-mills produced 49,363 barrels of flour, and, with other mills, produced articles to the amount of \$960,058. The total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$2,704,405. The University of St. Louis was founded in 1829; Kemper College, at St.

The University of St. Louis was founded in 1829; Kemper College, at St. Louis, in 1840; St. Mary's College, at the Barrens in St. Genevieve county, in 1830; Marion College, in Marion county, in 1831; St. Charles College, in 1839; and Missouri University, at Columbia, in 1840; Fayette College, at Fayette, is a new institution. In the colleges founded before 1839, there were, in 1840, 495 students. There were in the State, 47 academies with 1926 students; and 642 common and primary schools, with 16,798 scholars. There were 19,45; white persons over 20 years of age who could neither read nor write.

In 1836, the Methodists had 51 travelling preachers, and 8693 members; the Baptists had 146 churches, 86 ministers, and 4972 communicants; the Pressy terians had 33 churches and 17 ministers; the Roman Catholics had one bishop

and 30 ministers; the Episcopalians had three ministers. There were besides, a number of Cumberland and Associate Reformed Presbyterians.

St. Louis is the commercial capital of Missouri, and the largest town west of the Mississippi. It is built on two banks, the first, not much raised above the level of the river, contains two narrow streets running parallel with its course, and the second, or higher bank, which spreads out into a wide plain in the rear, comprises the rest of the city. The upper part is well laid out, with spacious and wide streets. This city was founded in 1764, but it continued to be an inconsiderable village while the country remained in the hands of the Spaniards and terante village while the country remained in the mans of the Spaniarus and French. It is the emporium of the Upper Mississuri and Mississippi, and must continue to increase in importance as the vast regions to the north and west become settled. The lead mines in its vicinity, and the establishments connected with the Indian agencies, land-offices, &c., also create a good deal of business. The population is now chiefly composed of Americans, besides French, Germans, &c. The city contains 21 churches, a Land-Office, Theatre, Bank, 2 Insurance Companies, Museum, Masonic Hall, 2 Orphan Asylums, the St. Louis University, Western Academy of Natural Sciences, 80 schools, and a United States Arsenal. The city is supplied with water raised by steam-power from the Mississippi to a reservoir on an elevated ancient mound, whence it is distributed over the town in iron pipes. A company is also formed for lighting the streets with gas. St. Louis is the principal depot of the American Fur Company, who have a large establishment here with 1000 men in their employ, who collect and dispose of a vast amount of furs. The arrivals of steam-boats at this port have amounted to 800 in a year, with a tonnage of 100,000 tons. Population in 1830, 5852; in 1840, 16,469; in 1844, 34,140. Jefferson United States' barracks are on the bank of the Mississippi, 10 miles below the city, and can accommodate about 700 men.

St. Charles, 20 miles above the mouth of the Missouri, and the same distance from St. Louis, is a pleasant village, with 1042 inhabitants, of whom many are of French descent; it consists of five streets that run parallel with the river, on which are some handsome buildings. St. Charles was for a number of years the

capital of the State.

Jefferson city, on the south side of the Missouri river, and near the centre of the State, is the capital of Missouri; it contains the State-House, and a Penitentiary; its site is not a fortunate selection, and it has not in consequence pros-

pered. Population, 1175. Higher up the stream are the villages of Franklin, Booneville, Keytesville, Lexington, and Liberty.

Independence, a town south of the Missouri river, and near the western boundary of the State, is the point from whence the traders to Santa Fé and the emigrants to Oregon commence their respective journeys. Such numbers sometimes collect on these occasions, that they cannot be accommodated with lodgings in the town, but encamp in the fields in the vicinity. Platte city, on Platte river, and Weston on the Mississippi, above Fort Leavenworth, are thriving towns. Herculaneum, 30 miles below St. Louis, is a small town, which contains numerous shot-works, and serves as one of the ports of the lead district. Population, 1607. St. Genevieve is another old French village, built on a high alluvial bank which the river is now washing away. Cape Girardeau, situated on a high bluff in the midst of a rich district, is the depôt of the southern part of the State. Population, 1728. New Madrid is an inconsiderable village, on a high alluvial bank, which, like that of St. Genevieve, has been mostly carried away by the The village also suffered from the earthquake of 1811. Population, about

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

ARKANSAS is bounded on the north by Missouri, east by the Mississippi river, which separates it from Tennessee and the State of Mississippi, south by Louisians, and west by the Western or Indian Territory and the northern part of Texas. Its southern line is the 33° of north latitude; the northern 36° 30'. Its

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Mississippi river, pi, south by Lounorthern part of hern 36° 30'. Its length, from north to south, is 945 miles, and mean breadth about 912; its area is 51,960 square miles.

The principal river, besides the Mississippi, is the Arkaneas. Its course is nearly through the centre of the State from west to east; and it affords at all times steam-boat navigation to Little Rock, 300 miles from its mouth, and occasionally to Fort Gibson, nearly 350 miles farther. The other important streams are the Red river, St. Francis, White, and Washita rivers.

The surface of the country exhibits much variety. In the eastern portion, along the Mississippi river, it is level, and often overflown by that noble river. In the central part it is undulating and broken, and in the western section it is traversed by the Ozark Mountains, which are estimated to attain an altitude of about 2000 feet above the ocean. The other considerable elevations are the Black Hills, north of the Arkansas, and the Washita Hills, on the head waters of the Washita river. The soil is of all qualities, from the most productive to the most sterile; much of it is of the latter description. It has, however, a sufficient amount of excellent land to enable it to become a rich and populous State.

Of the products of Arkansas, cotton is the staple; corn and sweet-potatoes thrive well; wheat, and other small grains, have not been cultivated to a great extent; posches are remarkably fine; but apples do not succeed so well. The wild fruits, grapes, plums, &c., are abundant. Among the curioties may be mentioned the vast masses of sea-shells that are found in different places: they answer a valuable purpose to the inhabitants, who collect and burn them for lime.

The hot or warm springs, on the head waters of the Washita river, are among the most interesting curiosities of the country; they are remarkably limpid and pure, and are used by the people who resort there for health, for culinary purposes. They have been analyzed, and exhibit no mineral properties beyond common spring-water. Their efficacy undoubtedly results from the refreshing mountain breezes, the conveniences of warm and tepid bathing, and the novel and romanic scenery of the surrounding regions.

The population of Arkansas in 1830, was 30,388; in 1840, 97,574; of which 19,935 were slaves. Of the free population, 42,211 were white males; 34,963 white females; 248 coloured males; 217 coloured females. Employed in agriculture, 26,355; in commerce, 215; in manufactures and trades, 1173; navigating the ocean, 3; do. rivers, canals, &c., 39; in the learned professions, 301.

There were, in 1840, 51,472 horses and mules; 188,786 neat cattle; 42,151 sheep; 393,086 swine. There were produced, 105,878 bushels of wheat; 4,846,642 of Indian corn; 189,553 of oats; 293,608 of potatoes; 6,028,642 pounds of cotton; 148,439 of tobacco. The capital employed in foreign trade umounted to \$91,000; capital in the retail trade, \$1,578,719.

The home-made or family articles made in 1840 amounted to \$489,750. There is but little attention yet bestowed on manufactures; the capital employed in them amounted to \$424,467.

There is no college in this State. There were 8 academies, with 300 students; 113 schools, with 2614 scholars. The principal religious denominations are Methodists and Baptists; there are also Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Roman Catholics.

Little Rock, the capital of Arkaneas, is on the south bank of Arkaneas river, and at the head of permanent steam-boat navigation on that stream. It is on a high bluff, elevated from 150 to 200 feet above the river, and is the first place in which rocks occur above its mouth. It is regularly laid out, and contains a State-House, Court-House, Jail, 5 churches, 2 banks, a theatre, an academy, a United States Arsenal, United States Land Office, Penitentiary, 21 stores, 2 steam sawmills, 500 dwellings, and about 3000 inhabitants.

Helena, on the west bank of Mississippi river, centains a Court-House, Jail, U. S. Land Office, 10 stores, and 500 inhabitants. Fayetteville contains a Court-House, Jail, a U. S. Land Office, and about 450 inhabitants. Columbia, on the Mississippi river, has a Court-House, Jail, 75 dwellings, and 500 inhabitants. Arkansas, on the north bank of Arkansas river, on a high bluff with flats in the vicinity, which are inundated at times by the White river, contains a Court-

House, Jall, about 50 dwellings, and 300 inhabitants. These are the meet important towns. Since the opening of the Great Raft, and the improvement of the navigation of Red river, this section of the State has been improving.

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This State comprises about a fourth part of the late Territory of Iowa, it lies immediately east of the Mississippi river and north of the State of Missouri. It has an area of 45,000 square miles. The south-eastern section of the territory is

has an area of 45,000 square miles. The south-eastern section of the territory is the only part yet settled, and is a beautiful, fertile, healthful region, interspersed with timber land and prairie, and abounding in springs and mill-streams.

The principal rivers of Iowa, besides the Mississippi, which forms its eastern boundary, are the Blue-Ea-th, Upper Iowa, Turkey, Maquekota, Wapsipissecon, Red-Cedar, Iowa, Chicagua or Skunk, and Des Moines.

The products of the soil are the same as those of the neighbouring States:

wheat, corn, rye, cats, and posatoes, all grow with great luxuriance, and are of excellent quality. The mineral region of Iowa appears to be connected with that of Wisconsin, and is equally rich in metal. The limits of the country containing the lead ore are unknown, but it probably extends hundreds of miles towards, and into the State of Missouri: besides lead; copper, iron and coal are known to abound.

Few portions of the United States have excited so much attention as Iowa; it is settling more rapidly than any other portion of the western country with enterprising and industrious inhabitants. A number of towns have been laid out; of which some that are situated on the Mississippi, are increasing very fast.

Iowa was erected into a separate territorial government June 1838, and an act

was passed by Congress and approved March 3, 1845, admitting it into the Union as a State, subject to the condition of being approved of or rejected by the people at the next ensuing election. The population, in 1840, was 43,111. Of these there were employed in agriculture 10,469; in commerce 355; in manufactures and trades 1629; in mining 217; in navigating the ocean, rivers, and canals 91; in the learned professions 365.

There were in Iowa, in 1840, 10,794 horses and mules; 38,049 neat cattle; 15,354 sheep; 104,899 swine; poultry was valued at \$16,529. There were produced 154,698 bushels of wheat; 3799 of rye; 1,406,241 of Indian corn; 6212 of buckwheat; 216,385 of oats; 728 of barley; 234,063 of potatoes; 23,039 pounds of wool; 8706 of tobacco; 41,450 of sugar; 17,953 tons of hay; 313 of hemp or flax. The products of the dairy were valued at \$23,609; of lumber at

\$50,280; of skins and furs at \$33,594.

Home-made or family manufactures, in 1840, amounted to \$95,966. The

total amount of capital employed in manufactures was \$199,645.

The University of Iowa, at Mount Pleasant, has been chartered by the territorial legislature, under the direction of 21 trustees; 7 academies have been incor-porated. In 1840 there was in operation one academy with 95 students. There

were 63 common and primary schools, with 1500 scholars.

Iowa City, the capital of the territory, is at the head of navigation on Iowa river, and 70 miles from the Mississippi: population 800: houses 150. The capitol is a handsome edifice built in the Doric style of architecture, 120 feet by 60. Burlington, the first capital of Iowa, is on the west bank of the Mississippi river, 250 miles above St. Louis. The town is regularly laid out, and contains several public buildings; the stores are numerous, and the business is very considerable. Population, 1400. Dubuque is also on the west bank of the Mississippi, and about 180 miles higher up that stream than Burlington; it is the commercial capital of the mining district of Iowa, and some of the finest lead mines in the United States are in its vicinity. Among its churches is a Roman Catholic cathedral of stone: there are various public buildings, and a number of stores: the trade of the town is important and valuable. Population, 1300. Peru, Davenport, Bloomington, Fort Madison, Montrose, and Mount Pleasant, are the other principal towns.

WISCONSIN TERRITORY.

This territory was erected into a separate government in 1836, and for two ears afterwards included Iowa within its limits. It stretches from the Mississippi river on the west to Lake Michigan on the east, and from the northern boundary of the Union to the State of Illinois on the south. It is in length mear 600 miles, and from 100 to 200 miles in breadth; containing probably an area of 100,000 square miles. A considerable portion of this territory is still inhabited

The principal rivers are the Mississippi and its tributaries, the St. Croix, Chippeway, Wisconsin, Rock river, &c.; the St. Louis, Montreal, and other streams, others. In some parts of the territory the soil it very fertile, and produces large crops of the various grains common to this section of the Union. In the vicinity

of Lake Michigan the water-courses, ponds, and marshes, are covered with wild rice, which constitutes a considerable part of the food of the Indiags.

Wisconsin is rich in minerals: lead is found in great at indance, and also copper and iron. The lead region comprises a portion of the richest lead deposits in the world: it extends on the east tide of the Mississippi from the Wisconsin to the Rock river, and on the west it connects with the lead region of Iowa. Lead mining is carried on extensively, as well as that of copper: about 6400

tons of lead were made here in 1840.

The population, in 1840, was 30,945; of these 18,768 were white males; 11,992 do. females; 101 were coloured males; 84 do. females; employed in agriculture, 7047; in commerce, 479; in manufactures and trades, 1914; in mining, 479; in navigating lakes, rivers, canals, &c., 923; in the learned professions, 259.

There were in the territory, in 1840, 5735 horses and mules; 30,269 neat cattle; 3462 sheep; 51,383 swine; poultry was raised to the value of \$16,167. There were produced 212,216 bushels of wheat; 1965 of rye; 379,359 of Indian corn; 10,654 of buckwheat; 11,062 of barley; 406,514 of cats; 419,608 of potatoes; 6777 pounds of wool; 135,288 of augar. The products of the dairy were valued at \$35,677; the amount of lumber produced was \$202,293; of skins

Home-made articles amounted to \$19,567; and the capital employed in manu-

factures to \$635,926; 40 smelting-houses produced 15,139,350 pounds of lead.

No college has been established in Wisconsin; but 33,040 acres of land have been granted for a university. The land has been advantageously located. There were, in 1840, two academies, with 65 students; and 77 common and primary

schools, with 1937 scholars.

Fort Winnebago, a United States' garrison, stands at the portage between the Wisconsin and Fox rivers; the waters of the two streams here approach so close to each other, and are so nearly on a level, that boats, in wet seasons, have been floated from one to the other. A canal is in progress of construction for the pur-pose of connecting these rivers. In the vicinity of Green Bay are the thriving villages of Green Bay, Navarino, and Depore. The former has a fine harbour, and is a place of considerable business.

The principal settlements on the Mississippi, are Prairie du Chien, Cassville, &c.; the former is about five miles above the mouth of the Wisconsin river: it is eituated on a beautiful prairie, and has been long inhabited, mostly by French traders and their descendants, half-breeds, &c. Cassville is some distance south of the Wisconsin river; Belmont, Mineral Point, and Dodgeville are at various distances east of the Mississippi, and between it and Lake Michigan: they are

situated in a rich mining district.

Madison, the capital of Wisconsin, is situated between the 3d and 4th lakes of the chain called the Four Lakes, and on a branch of the Rock river. It was laid out in 1837, and contained, in 1840, about 70 houses and 376 inhabitants. The most important public building is the capital, a fine stone edifice built at the expense of the General Government: it may be seen from a distance of 10 miles

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in every direction. Milwaukie, on the west side of Lake Michigan, is the most important town in the territory; it is a place of considerable trade, and has the best harbour on the west side of the lake between Chicago and Green Bay. Population, in 1842, 9800.

The aborigines in Wisconsin are the Chippeways, Mennomonies, and Stock-bridge Indians: the latter, from New York, are settled in the vicinity of Green Bay. Among these tribes, the American Board of Foreign Missions has a number of missionsries in different parts of the territory.

WESTERN OR INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Western or Indian Territory is the country assigned by the government of the United States for the future residence of the Indians who have emigrated from the eastern part of the Union. It is about 600 miles in extent from north to south in the eastern, and in the western part about 300; and from east to west, immediately beyond Arkansas, it is about 320; but, westward of the central and northern parts of Missouri, it is full 600 miles in breadth. It contains an area of about 240,000 square miles.

A belt of about 200 miles of this region, adjoining Arkaneas and Missouri, is favourable for settlement: the soil is generally fertile, and it is watered by numerous rivers, none of which, however, are suitable for navigation. The chief streams are the Red, Arkaneas, Kansas, Platte, and Missispipi rivers. The country, in its general character, is high and undulating, rather level than hilly.

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streams are the Red, Arkansas, Kansas, Platte, and Mississippi rivers. The country, in its general character, is high and undulating, rather level than hilly. The atmosphere is salubrious, and the climate precisely such as is desired; being about the same as that inhabited by the Indians to the east of the Mississippi. It contains coal, some lead and iron ore, and many saline springs, suitable for manufacturing salt. The most serious defect is a want of timber; but it is one which time will remedy, as has been demonstrated by the rapid growth of timber in prairie countries which have been settled; where the grazing of stock, by diminishing the quantity of grass, renders the annual fires less destructive to the growth of wood: the prairies are covered with grass, much of which is of suitable length for the scythe. This country will produce, it is believed, all the varieties of grain, vegetables, and agricultural products, which are raised in the States of the same lutitude east of the Mississippi. It is also admirably adapted for the raising of domestic animals of every description.

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At the close of the year 1844, the population of the Western Territory amounted to 94,527 Indians, three-fourths of whom have emigraved from the States east of the Mississippi river. The remainder appertain to tribes long resident in this region. The numbers belonging to each class and tribe respectively are as follows:

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In addition to the above, there are 21,587 Indians, of various tribes, now east of the Mississippi, under treaty stipulations to remove west of that stream: many of them are making preparations for that purpose; and the whole, no doubt, will in a few years, he permanently sattled in the territory sessioned them.

in a few years, be permanently settled in the territory assigned them. The Choctawa, Creeks, and Cherokees, are the most advanced towards civilization of any of the foregoing tribes. They have generally good houses, well-fenced and well-tilled fields, and own horses and cattle to a considerable extent: they have also native mechanics and merchants. They carry on spinning and weaving, and have some saw and grist-mills and cotton-gina. They have adopted an improved system of government: the Choctaws and Creeks have a written constitution; and the former have introduced trial by jury.

The country of the Choctaws, or Choctawland, the most southern in this Territory, is altuated between the Red river on the south, and the Canadian river and the Arkansas north: it is 390 miles in length, and from 65 to 110 in breadth. It is divided into three districts, each of which has its chief.

The Creek country is north of Choctawland, and west of the Neceho, a branch of the Arkansas: it is about two-thirds the area of Choctawland, and extends to the western boundary of the Territory. The government is administered by a general council of the nation, in accordance with the provisions of a written constitution. The Cherokee country is north and east of the Creek: the eastern part extends to the river Arkansas, and also to the west boundary of the State of Arkaness; this tract is about the same in area as the Creek country. The Cherokees manufacture salt from the springs on the Illinois and other streams, and own a large number of horses and cattle.

The Osages are indigenous natives, and a portion of them have as yet made but little improvement in the arts of civilization: some of them, however, particularly a band on the Neceho, have tolerable houses, own some cattle, and have

begun to use the plough.

Adjoining the south-west corner of Missouri, and extending to the Necsho, are the Quapaws, the united band of Senecas and Shawaness, and the band of Senecas and Mohawks. Farther north, on the head-waters of the Osage river, are the small bands of Piankeshaws, Weas, Kaskiss, and Ottawas; all of these have made some progress towards civilization.

On the south bank of the Kansas river, and adjoining the State of Missouri, are the Shawanees: they are among the most improved of the Indian tribes. On

are the Shawanees: they are among the most improved of the indian tribes. On the opposite side of the river are the Delawares, whose condition is similar to that of the Shawanees. The Kansas, an indigenous tribe, inhabit but she are the Kansas river: they live principally by the chase. The Kickaposs eside on the Missouri, north of the Delaware country.

The Otoes, between the Platte and the Little Nemahaw; the Omahas, between the Platte and the Missouri, the Puncahs, further north-west, and the Pawnees, on the northern side of the Platte, further west, are indigenous tribes, who retain the control of the platte, further west, are indigenous tribes, who retain their original barbarous habits of life, with little or no change.

MISSOURI TERRITORY.

Missouri Territory extends from north to south about 520, and from east to west 600 miles, and contains an area of probably 300,000 square miles; it is bounded on the north by the British possessions, south by the Western or Indian Territory, east by Iowa, and west by Oregon.

It is a vast wilderness, thinly inhabited only by different tribes of Indians, many of whom appear to have no fixed residence, but follow the migrations of

the game from place to place.

The greater part of this region has been but partially explored. It consists of vast prairies, fringed along the lower courses of the rivers with patches of wood land. A large portion of it may be likened to the great steppes of Central Asia. There is, however, in the most sterile parts a thin sward of grass and herbage: droves of buffaio, elk, and deer, range upon these vast prairies. They will, perhaps, at some future period, be replaced by herds of domestic cattle, and flocks, of sheep, followed by moving bands of shepherds.

West of these plains, the Rocky Mountains rise up abruptly, presenting a steep front with frowning rocky precipices, and having their summits covered with perpetual snow. The only elevation in the great plain, which stretches from the Missouri river to the Rocky Mountains, is the Black Hills, a spur of the former range, extending to the north-east about 400 miles, and separating the eastern tributaries of the Yellow-Stone from those that run westward into the Missouri.

The Missouri is the principal stream, which, with its tributaries, drains the whole of this region. The Yellow-Stone is the largest of its upper tributaries; it rises near the South Pass, and flowing generally a north-east course enters the Missouri, upwards of 3000 miles from the ocean. Those tributaries entering on

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Our knowledge of this country is mostly derived from the accounts of Mesars. Lewis and Clark; in their journey to the Pacific Ocean, these enterprising travellers passed their first winter at the Mandan towns, 1800 miles above St. Louis,

from November, 1804, until the following April.

The Great Falls of the Missouri consist of a succession of cataracts, the whole descent of which is 350 feet. In one instance the entire body of the river falls in a perpendicular sheet to the depth of 87 feet. The place where the Missouri passes from the mountains, called the Gates of the Rocky Mountains, displays a stapendous work of nature. The river is compressed to the width of 450 feet, between perpendicular rocks 1200 feet in height; for three miles there is but one spot where a man can find footing between the water and the mountainous precipiees. About 100 miles below the great falls in the Missouri there are immense piles of rock, 300 feet in height, presenting the appearance of an artificial wall; they are nearly perpendicular, and the beholder can discern amid the various forms which they exhibit, the shapes of ruined castles and other edifices.

The principal tribes are the Pawnees and Ricarees, Black Feet, &c.; most of whom are nomadic in their habits, and roam from place to place in quest of buffalo

and other game.

OREGON TERRITORY.

Thus territory extends westward from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, and from 42° to 54° 40' N. latitude. On the north and on the east, as far scuth as the 49°, it is bounded by British America, and southward of the 49° on the east by Missouri Territory; south by Mexico, and west by the Pacific Ocean: it is in length about 880 miles, with an average breadth of 550; area about 450,000 square miles.

Much of the surface of the country is broken and mountainous; on its eastern boundary it is traversed by the Rocky Mountains, many of the peaks of which are estimated at from 12,000 to 18,000 feet in height. Westward of these mountains the country is divided into three belts or sections, separated from each other by ranges of mountains running very nearly parallel with the shores of the Pacific Ocean. The first range, which is about 250 miles westward of the Rocky Mountains, is the Blue Mountain range. The second, which is 200 miles farther west, and from 80 to 110 miles from the coast, is the Cascade or President Range; its highest peaks are Mount Jefferson, Mount Hood, Mount St. Helen's, Mount Rainier, and Mount Baker; some of these are from 12,000 to 14,000 feet in height

above the sea.

The region lying between the Rocky and the Blue mountains is rocky, broken and barren; stupendous mountainous spurs traverse it in all directions, affording but little level ground, and in its most elevated parts snow lies nearly all the year. It rarely rains here, and no dew falls. The second or middle section consists, for the most part, of a light sandy soil, in the valleys a rich alluvion, and barren on the hills. The third section, which lies along the coast, is well adapted for agriculture; most parts of it are well timbered with fir, pine, spruce, oak, poplar, maple, &c. Near the coast the firs grow to an amazing size, trees from 200 to 280 feet in height, and from 20 to 40 feet in circumference, are not uncommon; and a tree 300 feet high, 216 feet from the ground to its lowest limbs, and 57 feet in circumference, grew some years since near Astoria. This section of the territory is also well adapted for the raising of cattle; they subsist in good condition on the green and dried grass, which is abundant throughout the year.

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The climate on the coast of the Pacific is believed to be milder than on the same perallels of latitude on the Atlantic. When Lewis and Clark left this country in March, the prairies were in blossom, and the forwardness of the season seems to have corresponded with that of North Carolina at the same period. The chief rivers of Oregon are the Columbia and its branches. This noble

stream has its head waters near these of the Missouri, and collects its tribute for a wide extent along the western dividing ridges of the Rooky Mountains; its principal tributaries are Lewis' or Saptin, Clark's or Flathead, Kootanie or Flathow, Okonagan, John Day's, Chates or Falls, and Willamette rivers; the valley of the last contains perhaps the best land in Oregon, and produces wheat of the first quality; it has, for some time past, attracted the notice of emigrants. The Columbia is navigable from the falls where it breaks through the Cascade range of mountains to the ocean, for vessels drawing 19 feet water, at its lowest stage, though it is obstructed by numerous sand-bars. The river increases in width, in the last twenty miles of its course, and, where it enters the ocean, is seven miles. A sand-bar extends from Point Adams to Cape Disappointment, which renders its entrance often dangerous. In the year 1841, the U.S. sloop of war Peacock, belonging to the exploring expedition, was wrecked here. The salmon of the Columbia and its tributaries, of which there are several varieties, are very fine; they constitute a large portion of the food of the natives.

The only other river of any note is Frazer's, or Tacoutchee Tesse, which flows from the Rocky Mountains into the Gulf of Georgia. It has a course of about 700 miles. Its chief tributaries are Thompson's and Stuart's rivers; on these streams the Hudson's Bay Company has several trading-houses or forts. South of the Columbia are the Umpqua and Klamet rivers, which flow into the Pacific Ocean; the latter has a course of about 300 miles.

Of the lakes in Oregon, those connected with the Columbia river, and its branches, are the Flathead, Kulluspelm, Flatbow, and Okonagan. The principal of those which unite with Frazer's river are Stuart's, Quaw, St. François, Quesnell's, Kamloops, and Soushwap.

The principal islands are Vancouver's, and Washington, or Queen Charlotte's. The former is a large island, being near 300 miles in length, and from 40 to 75 miles wide; it is separated, on the south, by the Strait of Juan de Fuca; and, on the west, by the Gulf of Georgia. From the straits before-mentioned to the northern extremity of the territory, the coast is indented with innumerable bays and inlets, which form a multitude of small islands.

Many parts of Oregon are well adapted for agricultural purposes. At some of the trading establishments of the Hudson's Bay Company, extensive farms are in successful operation. At Forts Vancouver, Colville, and Nisqually, wheat, barley, and potatoes of excellent quality are raised in abundance. The farm at Vancouver is 9 miles square: there are here 3000 head of cattle, 2500 sheep, and 300 brood mares; 100 cows are milked daily.

The coasts of Oregon Territory were first explored by the Spaniards, who, however, did not penetrate into the interior. In 1792, Captain Gray, of the ship Columbia, at Boston, entered the great river of this region; and, from him, it received the name of his ship. The celebrated navigator, Captain Vancouver, was then at Nootka Sound, and the discovery being very frankly and fortunately communicated to him, he sent one of his principal officers to examine the channel, and, in his narrative, admits the fact; thus placing the right of prior discovery in the United States, beyond dispute, on British evidence. In 1805 Messrs. Lewis and Clark were sent out by the United States government, for the express purpose of exploring this country. They navigated the Missouri to its source, and crossing the Rocky Mountains, descended the Columbia river to the Pacific, and spent the winter on its shores; they returned by the same river to the mountains, and most of the exact information that we have of the country is from them.

To this region, therefore, the United States have acquired an undoubted title by the discovery of the principal river, and by an interior exploration, as well as by the Louisiana treaty. It is, however, contested by Great Britain, who claims, not that the title is in her, but that the region is unappropriated, and open to the first comer. By a convention concluded in 1818, to last 12 years, it was agreed between the United States and Great Britain, that neither government should take possession of it, or occupy it, to the exclusion of the other, during the period of the convention, which either party might renounce upon giving twelve months' notice. In 1827 this convention was renewed indefinitely, or to cease at the option of the contracting parties.

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Several attempts were made, by different individuals from the United States, to settle in this territory. In 1808 the Missouri Fur Company established a trading-house on Lewis's river, the first ever formed on any of the waters of the Columbia. In 1810 the Pacific Fur Company, under John J. Astor, of New York, was formed; and in 1811 Astoria was established at the mouth of Columbia river. In consequence of the exporture of this post, by the last war with Great Britain, it was seld to the Hudson Bay Company; but was restored to its original proprietors, by order of the British government, at the close of the war, agreeably to the first articles of the treaty of Ghent. Within the last few years, many smigrants from the United States have taken up their residence in this region.

Oregon city, a town of 200 or 300 inhabitants, chiefly Americans, is laid out at the Falls of Willamette; it contains already several stores and mills, and it is proposed to construct a canal around the Falls. A government and legislature have been organized by the settless in the vicinity, and suitable measures adopted

for a permanent settlement.

The question of settling Oregon Territory, and organizing a government for the security of the inhabitants, has been more than once debated in congress. Were such settlement authorized, and rendered secure by the requisite military setablishments, there can be no doubt that it would immediately receive large accessions of settlers; and in the Sessions of 1844, '45, a bill passed the House of Representatives for that purpose; but further action in the matter was deferred, until the twelve months' notice of an intention to take possession of the territory

is given to Great Britain, according to the terms of the treaty.

On the coast of this territory, north of Columbia river, are the countries, denominated by British navigators, New Georgia and New Hanover; and immediately north of the northern head-waters of the Columbia, and west of the Rocky Mountains, is New Caledonia; the climate of which is severe in winter, and hot in

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On the Columbia, and its tributaries, are the Kootanies, Flatheads, Wallawalas,
Nesperces, Shoshones or Snakes, and Boonacks. Along the coast, and in its
vicinity, are the Clalams, Chickelees, Nisquallis, Cowlitz, Chinnook, Callapuye, Umpqua, Klamet, and Shaste Indians. The rest of the population consiste of American emigrants, perhaps 2500 or 3000 in number; Canadian and
half-breeds 800 or 1000, besides the officers and servants of the Hudson's Bay
Company. The Indians in the territory are estimated at from 20,000 to 40,000,

On Fraser's river, and its tributaries, are Forts Langley, Thompson, Alexandria, and George; and there are others in different parts of the country. At Fort Vancouver, on the Columbia, there is a village of 300 or 400 inhabitants; these comprise the labourers and servants attached to the fort, with their Indian wives and slaves. From this place a direct trade is carried on with the Sandwich Islands and Great Britsin, which employs several vessels. A small steam-boat place on the river and along the coast, between the different trading posts.

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The first emigration from the Atlantic States, for the purpose of occupying any part of Oregon Territory, was hade in 1832; since that period, the number of annual emigrants has considerably increased. The exploration of the South Pass, by Lieutenant Fremont, of the U.S. army, has rendered the business of crossing the mountains comparatively safe and easy. This pass is in 40° 30' north latitude, at the head of the Sweet Water branch of Platte river; it is of smooth and easy ascent and descent, and can be travelled in wagons without any difficulty. Emigrants from the United States generally unite for the sake of mutual safety against the Indians, in considerable parties, with horses and light wagons; they proceed from Independence, or some other town in western Missouri, in a northwestern direction, to the Platte or Nebraska river, ascending that stream by its north branch and the Sweet Water river. They cross the mountains by the South Pass, to Lewis's river; thence they proceed to Fort Wallawalla; then down the banks of the Columbia to Willamette. The distance from Independence is between 1700 and 1800 miles, and may be accomplished, by moderate travelling, in about 18 or 20 weeks.

STATE OF TEXAS.

The late Republic of Texas formed, from the year 1936 until 1945, an independent State; but it is now annexed to the United States. Previous to the first mentioned period, it comprised an integral portion of Mexico, and formed, in conjunction with Cohahuila, one of the States of that confederacy. To the people of the United States, the progress of this infant republic was always interesting, from the circumstances attending its struggle with the parent State, its contiguity to our own territory, and also on account of Anglo-Americans forming the bulk of its population.

population.
It extends north and south from the Arkansas and Red rivers to the Gulf of Mexico; and east and west from the Sabine to the Rio del Norte; area \$55,000

square miles, or about seven times the surface of Pennsylvania.

Texas possesses a soil of great fertility, and a geographical position highly favourable to commercial intercourse with the United States, as well as with other parts of the world. The sea-coast is 400 miles in length, and affords, by means of its numerous rivers, communication at a number of points with the Gulf of Mexico. The face of the country is generally level, and a great portion of it consists of immense prairies, the soil of which is a deep black mould, mixed with sand; the bottom lands on many of the rivers are of a rich red texture, of great depth, and well timbered with cotton-wood, walnut, cedar, &c. Most of the productions of tropical climates grow here in great perfection, and the cotton is equal to the finest produced in the United States: the other products are sugar, tobacco, rice, indigo wheat, &c. This region is one of the finest stock countries in the world: cattle are raised in great abundance, and with but little trouble.

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is belling. The country along the coast is low, but free from swamps, and composed of good arable prairie, interspersed with well-wooded river bottoms, and fine pasture lands. Until the late emigrations from the United States, this section was filled with immense Proves of mustangs, or wild horses, and wild cattle; but their numbers are now considerably lessened. In the south-west, the country is elevated, being traversed by a range of mountains, extending northward from the head waters of the Neuces, and westward of the sources of the Brazes, Colorado, &c. To the west and north are vast prairies, in which immense herds of buffalo supply the mounted Comanches with abundance of game. In the north-east, the country is more undulating and better wooded.

The climate of Texas is mild and agreeable; and, as the country is free from swamps, and the wooded tracts are quite open and destitute of underwood, is more healthful than the corresponding sections of the United States. The seasons are two; the dry, from April to September; and the wet, which prevails during the rest of the year: the cold is pretty served for a short time in December and January.

The rivers are numerous, but none are of much importance for navigation, heing in the dry season extremely low, and during the floods a good deal impeded with floating timber. The Rio del Norte, which forms the western boundary of Texas, is the largest river; it has a course of from 1500 to 1800 miles; it is much impeded by rapids, and can be forded in nearly all parts of its course, except for a distance of about 200 miles from its mouth. The Sabine, Neches, and Trinidad rivers, are respectively 350, 300, and 410 miles in length; they are all navigable to a certain extent during a part of the year. The river Brazos is considered the best navigable stream in Texas: vessels drawing six feet water can ascend it to Brazoria; and steam-boats of light draught to San Felipe de Austin, 90 miles higher. The Rio Colorado rises in the high prairies cast of the Puerce river; and, after a course of 500 miles, flows into Matagords Bay. About 12 miles above its mouth the navigation is obstructed by a raft of a mile in extent: beyond this light vessels may ascend it 200 miles. The La Baca, Guadalupe, San Antonio, and river Nueces, are more or less navigable part of the year; they are, however, but imperfectly known.

The principal towns are Galveston, Houston, Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches and Austin; the latter was some years ago laid out as the capital; it is on the Colorado river, 200 miles from its mouth. Galveston, on the island of the same name, is the chief commercial town; its trade with New Orleans, and other ports in the United States, is already considerable. The population of Galveston is about 5000. Houston has 4000. Santa Fé, with 6000 inhabitants, is the chief town in New Mexico; it is within the bounds assumed by the authorities of Texas; but the latter have not yet acquired possession of that part of the country. The town is the resort of numerous merchants from the western parts of the United States, who transport goods thither across the prairies, for the supply of the regions on the Upper Del Norte. Washington, a small town on the west side of the Brazos, has been for some time past the actual capital of Texas.

Previous to 1821, the only places occupied by a white population were the Spanish posts of San Antonio de Bexar, Bahia, or Goliad, and Nacogdoches, comprising in all about 3000 inhabitants. Soon after that time, an attempt was made to establish here the independent republic of Fredonia; but the Mexican constitution attached the territory to the province of Coahuila, forming of the united provinces a State, bearing the names of both. In consequence of the enconragement held out to settlers, there was a great influx of emigrants into the territory from the United States, many of whom carried with them their slaves. In 1832, the people of Texas formed for themselves a separate State constitution, and endeavoured to obtain from the Mexican Congress an admission into the confederacy as an independent State. This being refused, a state of things ensued which resulted in an appeal to arms. Texas was invaded by a Mexican army, headed by Santa Anna, the President, in person. At first the overwhelming numerical superiority of the invaders gave them some advantages, which enabled them to exhibit a remarkable ferocity towards their prisoners, several hundreds of whom were massacred in cold blood. But this was soon reversed; and at the battle of San Jacinto the Mexicans were utterly routed, and their President was taken prisoner by the Texans. In March, 1836, the people of Texas declared themselves independent, and have since that time formed a constitution and government, and elected a chief magistrate, together with all the requisite officials and appointments of a sovereign and independent power. In 1841 an expedition of upwards of 300 men, sent from Texas to Santa F6, was captured by the Mexicans. The Texans say that the expedition was merely commercial, and that the amount of merchandise taken was very large. The men composing it, however, were all fully armed, and had one piece of cannon; the Mexicans state, in their accounts, that the object was to produce a revolution in the Mexican provinces near Santa Fé.

Texas was an integral, and not like the United States, a federal republic. The president was elected for three years, and was not again eligible for a similar tarm. In other respects the constitution generally resembled that of the United States. The republic was recognised by the United States, France, England, and some other nations; but not by Mexico. The population amounts to about 300,000, nearly all of which consists of Americans from the United States. The slaves number about 25,000. The military force was composed chiefly of volunteer troops and militia; the navy consisted of a sloop of war, two brigs, and an

armed steamer, several schooners, &c.

The annexation of Texas to the United States, has been for some time a popular measure, in both countries; it has been strongly advocated by many of the most eminent men in the Union, as a desirable addition to our territory, and as affording the means of extending our laws and institutions over a part of the continent that would, under its former apathetic possessors, have long remained a comparative wilderness, with few inhabitants except Indians. During the session of 1844, '45, a bill passed both Houses of Congress of the United States, providing for immediate annexation. The government of Texas was somewhat tardy on the subject; but the inhabitants evinced such strong feelings in its favour, that the constituted authorities were at length obliged to perfect the measure. On the 16th of June 1845, the Texan congress met at Washington, on the Brazos river, when both houses unanimously consented to the terms of the joint resolution of the United States, providing for the admission of Texas as one of the States of the American Union. A convention was also appointed to meet at Austin, July 4, 1845, for the purpose of forming a constitution for the State of Texas.

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Maxico is an extansive and noble territory, forming the greater part of that vast tract of land which connects together Northern and Southern America. Originally a native empire, afterwards the principal of the Spanish vicetoyatice, it is now a great independent republic. It has nonetimes been considered as extending to the Isthmus of Panama, which was, in some degree, under the jurisdiction of the vicetoy of Mexico; but as Guatemala, so the nouthward of Mexico Proper, was always a separate intendency, and has now erected itself into an independent republic, it must receive a separate notice. Its length may be stated at about 2560 miles; the breadth varies from 135 miles in the isthmus of Tehuntepee, and nearly 300 at the main centre of the republic, between Acapuleo and Vers Cruz, to about 1250 on the parallel of 35° north latitude, and nearly 860 between the Rocky Mountains and the ocean in the extreme north. The whole surface may be, therefore, described as lying between 100° and 125° W. long., and 15° and 42° N. lat., with an area of 1,450,000 square miles.

The surface of Mexico is elevated, composing part of that vast ridge which runs along the whole continent of America parallel to the Pacific, and which in the south is called the Andes or Cordilleras, and in the north the Rocky Mountains. In the middle part the chain presents a broad table-land, from 6000 to 6800 feet in height, thus equalling Mont St. Bernard, and others of the most remarkable summits of the old continent. This table-land is not, as in Quito and other parts of South America, an interval between opposite ridges, but is the very highest part of the ridge itself. In the course of it, indeed, detached mountains occur, of which the summits rise into the regions of perpetual snow, on a level almost with the mightiest of the Andes. Such are the volcanic peaks of Orizava, Popocatepeth, and Toluca. But these are merely insulated heights or chains, running in a different direction from the general ridge, and presenting few interruptions to that continuous level, as smooth almost as the ocean, which extends, for upwards of 1500 miles, from one extremity of Mexico to the other. Hence while the communication between Mexico and the eastern and western sea-coasts is extremely difficult, and, with slight exceptions, can be cavied on only by mules, there is nothing to prevent wheel-carriages from running from the capital to Santa Fé in New Mexico, and thence to St. Louis on the Mississippi.

The rivers of Mexico are not very numerous, nor, in general, of considerable magnitude. The principal is the Rio del Norte or Bravo, which, rising in the northern part of the country, flows, by a south-easterly course of about 1500 miles, chiefly through wild and savage tracts infested by the Apaches and Camanches, into the Gulf of Mexico. The Sacramento, and Frantomeror are rivers of Upper California of which, however, our knowledge salight. The Colorado of the west is a large river, but its course is through countries thinly peopled and little known. It falls into the Gulf of California, after receiving the Gila, a considerable stream.

The lakes of Mexico are numerous, and appear to be the remains of others, of vast extent, which formerly covered a much larger proportion of this lofty plain. The valley of Mexico is covered with small lakes, which occupy nearly a fourth of its surface; but the only one on a great scale is that of Chapala, in Michoscan, which is estimated to contain an area of about 1800 square miles.

As an agricultural country, Mexico has been celebrated for the vast variety of productions which can be raised, according to the different degrees of elevation of its gree, tabular mass of territory. It is divided into warm lands (tierras calientes), teapperate lands (tierras templadas), and cold lands (tierras frias). The warm lands, however, though capable of yielding in profusion all the productions of the torrid zone, are subject to so deadly a pestilence, that even the natives preferred to inhabit a poerer soil on the higher grounds; and Buropeans, except the few fixed by commercial avidity, pass through it in trembling haste, as if death pursued them. The cold lands, again, are nearly devoid of vegetation, exhibiting

on a low veatured spots the plants of the north. It is only on the "temperate lands," Last the real and effective vegetation exists; and there the finest plants of the most genial temperate climates are produced in higher perfection than in most other pans of the known world. The Mexican wheat excell that of all other countries, both in quality and abundance, provided that hy native or art is has been supplied during growth with sufficient moisture. Such is the artificial irrigation is usually necessary. Maise, or knidars corn, the proper grain of America, is still more generally cultivated, and force the scholing food of the people. Its harvests are equally profine. Barley and type grow on the colder grounds, the first forming the chief food of horses. Farther down grows the banana, which, though the proper food of the torid zone, grows so high that Humboldt calculates 50,000 square miles may be fit for it. Of all vegetables it yields the greatest proportion of aliment with the least culture. It bears fruit in ten months after planting, and then requires only to have the stalks cut, that new shoots may spring from them, and to be dug and dressed round the voctable manually should be also in the magnety, which is extensively cultivated and yields analysis of excellent quality, but only for internal use; and cacao, though an universal beverage, and coursed by importation. Cochineal is almost the only article collected extensively for export. The culture is laborious, and has diminished of labor but it is inferior to that of Guatemala. Vanilla, the flavouring material of the chocolate, is obtained in the forests of Oaxaca and Vera Cruz, and exported to the amount of 80000, or 10,0000, value annually.

Manufactures in Mexico are, and must long continue, in a very rude state. There are, however, considerable fabrics of coarse red earthenware, which is used in all the operations of cookery; also manufactures of coarse woollens and cottons. The amount of these, in good times, was reckoned at 7,000,000 dollars; but declined during the troubles. Working in gold and silver has, as might be expected, been a favourite occupation. Services of plate, worth 30,000 or 40,000 dollars, have been manufactured at Mexico, which, for elegance and fine workmanship, may rival the best of the kind in Europe. Glass has also made great progress. The coaches of Mexico have long been celebrated both for good construction and beauty, it boing the particular amount of all who possibly can, to have their coach.

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The commerce of Mexico does not correspond with its great fame for wealth. The exports of the precious metals form the principal article; next to this is cochineal; to which may be added, sugar, flour, indigo, provisions, vanilla, sarsaparilla, jalap, logwood, and pimento. But the commerce is now, in consequence of the gradual decay of the resources of the nation, much less than it was 20 years ago. In 1843 the exports to the United States were \$2,782,406 in specie. Imports, \$1,471,937. In 1838, the imports from Britain were about \$4,000,000. Exports, \$6,000,000, nearly all in specie. The above comprises nearly the whole of the foreign commerce of Mexico at the present time. Under the Spanish régime, Vera Cruz and Acapulco had a monopoly of the trade; but since the revolution, a considerable amount has centred in other ports, of which the chief are, in the northern part of the Gulf, Tampico, and Soto la Marina; Campeachy and Tabasco in the south; San Blas and Mazatlan on the western coast; and Guaymas in the Gulf of California.

The mines, however, are the grand objects which have exceed the idea of unbounded wealth and romantic splendour with the name size. Gold and eliver, by a natural illusion, have always shone in the size mankind with a lustre beyond the size any other metal. Peru, indee to gold in greater abundance; but Mark alone the first discovery, has the more diver than all the rest of the world united. The silver ore of Mr. It is at from rich; it seldom yields more than three or four ounces to the quintal of the while that of Saxony

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yields ten or even fifteen cunces. It is situated also very deep in the ground. The quantity, however, is in many cases immense, obtained with comparatively little difficulty; for, instead of being, as usual, placed in the heart of dreary and almost inaccessible deserts, the mines occupy the very best situations of the great table plain, are surrounded with brilliant vegetation, and with all the means of comfortable subsistence. There are 3000 mines in Mexico; most of them, however, are now unproductive, and even ruinous: but adventurers have been encouraged to begin, and to persevers while a particle of their capital remained, by the enormous profits which have, in a few instances, been realized.

The produce of the mines continued increasing till the commencement of the late revolution. From 1750 to 1759, the average appeared to be 16,566,000 dellars; from 1771 to 1803, it was 19,688,000; but in the first years of the present century, the duties levied implied an amount of 22,000,000; and, allowing for contraband, the total might probably be 25,000,000. During the dreadful convulsions of the late revolution, the amount was greatly reduced, the water having in many instances been allowed to rush in, the machinery destroyed, and the workmen dispersed. The annual average produce since the revolution is not more than 19,000,000 dollars. The Alver coined in the mints of Mexico, Guanaxuato, Zucatecas, Guadalaxara, Durargo, San Luis Potoal, and Chihushua, amounted, in

1837, to \$11,616,309.

The mint of Mexico is a prodigious establishment, in which all the processes are carried on with the greatest activity. It is capable of stamping 100,000 dollars within the hour. So rapid an operation is seldom required; yet there have passed through it probably upwards of 3,000,000,000 dollars.

Owing to the unsettled state of the country, nothing certain is known in regard to its military force. The army is not large, and recent events have proved that it is not very efficient. The want of harbours must ever prevent Mexico from being a great maritime power. Little confidence can be placed in any statements relative to the finances. The revenue, in 1831, was announced at \$16,413,060.

The territory of the republic, consisting of the old viceroyalty of New Spain, of the captaincy-general of Yucatan, and of the commandancy-general of the Internal Provinces, was divided by the constitution of 1824 into nineteen States, four Territories, and the Federal District: this arrangement was subverted by the decree of 1835, which provided for a new division of the country into departments.

The population of the Mexican States has been estimated, by different authors, at from 5 to 10 millions, but appears now to be a little over 7 millions.

States.	Area, Sq. Miles.	Population.	Capital.
States. FabascoVera Cruz	14,676	75,000	Tabasco (V. Hermo
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La Puebla		840,000	La Puebla.
Mexico	35,450	1,250,000	Tlalpan.
Quereturo	7,500	100,000	Queretaro.
Federal District		900,000	Mexico.
Kichoscan	22,466	430,000	Valladolid.
falisco	70,000	900,000	Guadalaxara.
Juanaxuato	8,000	460,000	Guanaxuato.
Zacatecas		190,000	Zacatecas.
Durango	54,500	150,000	Durango.
Chihuahuc	107,500	180,000	Chihuahua.
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our Leon	21,000	100,000	Monterey.
vehuila	33,600	60,000	Monciova.
Sonora and Sinolos	25 700	200,000	Sinalos.
Yucatan	7 500	410.000	Merida
hiapa		92,000	Chiapa.
Territory of New Me		60,000	Santa Pe.
	425,000		
Territory of Colima.		10,000	
Persitory of Tiascala		10,000	Tlascala.

The classes of society are singularly varied, and are characterized by distinctions more striking than those observable in other countries. They are four, more distinct and almost more alien to each other countries. They are four, more distinct and almost more alien to each other than if they were separate people, actuated by the strongest sentiments of instead rivalry. Those classes are, native Spaniards, called Chapetones, did not formerly exceed 60,000, and the greater number of these have now been expelled; but, prior to the late revolution, the court of Madrid, either through jealousy of the Americans, or through personal interest, bestewed exclusively upon them every office in its colonies. They deported themselves as beings of a decidedly superior order to the Creole Spaniards, who, they openly asserted, were an effectionate and ignorant race, incapable of any elevated and liberal occupation. They are now fallen from their high cetate. They are stripped of all their honours and dignities; most of them reduced to extreme poverty, and allowed only to exist under strict surveillance by a government to whom they are objects of perpetual jealousy.

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The Creoles, or Americans, as they prefer to call themselves, even when they were depressed beneath the preponderance of the Europeans, formed a privileged class in comparison with other natives. They are find of splendour, and delight to ride on horses righly caparisoned. Many of them, descended from the first conquerors, or enriched by speculation in the mines, enjoy fortunes almost more than princely. Forty or fifty thousand dollars a year is not an uncommon income even for families who do not possess mines.

The entire number of those denominated whites in Mexico, is about 1,250,000, of whom all except the small number of Europeans above mentioned are Creoles. Very few of these, however, are free from a mixture of Indian blood. The charge very rew or these, however, are not a mixture or maintain the charge of ignor nee is generally advanced against this class; and, notwithstanding some decided exceptions, and a peculiar aptitude, which most of them are said to display in learning the principles of science, cannot be wholly denied. The causes, however, which have produced this mental degradation, are now at an end; and though beneficial changes are not to be effected by magic, there can be no doubt that the permanent advantage of a free government will enable the Mexicans to take the station for which nature has destined them.

The Indians, descendants of the original possessors of Mexico, still survive, to the supposed amount of nearly 3,600,000, and are, consequently, nearly three times as numerous as the white race. They bear the general features of those aborigines who have been found in all parts of North and South America. They have the same swarthy or copper colour, the flat and smooth hair, small beard, squat body, long eye, with the corner curving up towards the temples, prominent cheek-bones, thick lips, and an expression of gentleness in the mouth, strongly contrasted with a gloomy and severe look. Their hair is coarse, but smooth, and so glossy as to appear in a constant state of humidity. They share with the rest of their countrymen, and with most races of very swarthy complexion, an exemp-

tion from almost every species of deformity.

The mixed castes form a very numerous part of the population of Mexico, being estimated at about 2,300,000. They are either mulattees, descended from mixture of the white with the negro; zamboes, from the negro and Indian; or mestizoes, from mixture of the white with the Indian. The latter, in consequence of the happily small number of negroes introduced into Mexico, compose seveneighths of its mixed population. To be white, was formerly in Mexico a badge of rank, and almost a title of nobility. When a Mexican considered himself slighted by another, he would ask, "Am I not as white as yourself?" From a refinement of vanity, the inhabitants of the colonies enriched their language with terms for the finest shades which result from the degeneration of the primitive colour. The union of a mestico, or mulato, with a white, produces what is called a quarteron; and the union of a quarteron with a white produces a quinteron;

after which, the next generation is accounted white.

The Roman Catholic is the only publicly recognised religion; but others are tolerated. The church establishment consists of the architer op of Mexico, and nine bishops, having an aggregate income of \$539,000, with \$577 parochial

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clergy. There are also 10 cathedrals, having 168 canons, and other dignituries, and one collegiate church. The regular clergy comprise 1978 monks, chiefly Franciscan; and there are 156 convents. The annual income of the ecclesiastics, is about 12 million dollars. The Spanish monks and priests were expelled during the revolution; and their places are filled by Creoles, whose morals are at the lowest obb. Religion has little influence over the white population, and the hold of the church over the Indians, never complete, is now fast lessening, for they are, all more or less inclined to idolatry.

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The aciences have not yet prospered in this part of America; though few governments have expended more in the promotion of physical science than that of Spain. It sent three botanical expeditions into Moxico and other parts of its transatiantic territory, which cost 400,000 dollars. A botanical garden and collections of minerals were formed in Mexico on a great scale; and geometry and astronomy have made considerable progress. The school of mines produced great advantages to the country, and the pupils were initiated even in the highest branches of mathematics. These lights, according to recent accounts, had suffered a temporary college, in consequence of the revolution; the new government has, however, endeavoured to revive them, though as yet with but little effect.

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The fine arts were also promoted with great zeal by the old government, which, at an expense of 40,000 dollars, transported to Mexico, across the rocky passes of the Cordilleras, a collection of casts of the finest antique statues. The Academy of the Fine Arts possessed an income of 25,000 dollars a year, chiefly supplied by government; and the benefit of its exertions was seen in the beauty of the public edifices which adorned the capital.

The amusements are chiefly those of Old Spain; bull-fights, and religious processions. The theatre is still far inferior to that of the mother-country.

The state of Mexico comprises the Valley of Mexico, a fine and splendid region, variegated by extensive lakes, and surrounded by some of the loftiest volcanic peaks of the new world. Its circumference is about 200 miles, and it forms the very centre of the great table-land of Anahuac, elevated from 6000 to 200 feet above the level of the sea. In the centre of this valley stands the city of Mexico, long considered the largest city of America; but it is now surpassed by New-York, Philadelphia, and perhaps even by Rio Janeiro. Some estimates have raised its population to 200,000; but it probably ranges from 120,000 to 150,000. It is beyond dispute the most splendid. "Mexico is undoubtedly one of the finest cities built by Europeans in either hemisphere: with the exception of St. Petersburg, Berlin, and Philadelphia, and some quarters of Westminster, there does not exist a city of the same extent which can be compared to the capital of New Spain, for the uniform level of the ground on which it stands, for the regularity and breadth of the streets, and the extent of the squares and public places. The architecture is generally of a very pure style, and there are even edifices of a very beautiful structure." The palace of the late viceroys, the cathedral, built in what is termed the Gothic style, several of the convents, and some private palaces, reared upon plans furnished by the pupils of the Academy of the Fine Arts, are of great extent and magnificence; yet, upon the whole, it is rather the arrangement, regularity, and general effect of the city, which it is to striking. Nothing, in particular, can be more enchanting than the view of the city and valley from the surrounding heights. The eye sweeps over a vast extent of cultivated fields, to the very base of the colossal mountains covered with perpetual snow. The city appears as if washed by the waters of the Lake of Tezcuco, which, surrounded by willages and hamlets, resembles the most beautiful of the Swiss lakes, and the rich cultivation of the vicinity forms a

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the same time are weaving cotton in their simple portable looms, or plucking fowls, and throwing the feathers into the water. Most of the flowers and roots have seen raised in chinempus, or floating gardens. They consist of rafts formed of seek, roots, and bushes, and you are with black saline mould, which, being irrigated by the water of the state to show exceedingly fertile. It is a great disadvantage to Mexico, rewever that it stands nearly on a level with the surrounding lake; which, in nearboard heavy rains, overwhelms it with destructive inundations. lake; which, in tracent in heavy rams, overwhelms it with destructive inundations. The construction of a desague, or canal, to carry off the waters of the Lake of Zumpango, and of the principal river by which it is fed, has, since 1629, prevented any very desolating flood. The desague, though not conducted with skill and judgment, cost 5,000,000 dollars, and is one of the most stapendous hydraulic works ever executed. Were it filled with water, the largest vessels of war might pass by it through the range of mountains which water, the largest vessels of war might pass by it through the range of mountains which water, the largest vessels of war might have been frequent, and cannot well mass, while the level of that lake is twenty feet above that of the great square of Mexico.

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Acepulco, on the west coast, has been celebrated in an extraordinary degree as almost the centre of the wealth of America; the port whence the rich Spanish galloons took their departure to spread the wealth of the western over the east-ero hemisphere. It is one of the most magnificent harbours in the world, seeming as if it were excavated by art out of a vast circuit of granite rocks, which shut out all view of the sea. Yet while Vera Cruz, with its wretched anchorage amid sand-banks, annually received from 400 to 500 vessels, that of Acapulco scarcely received ten, even in the time of the Manilla galleon, the discontinuance of which reduced it to a state of insignificance. It is said, however, of late to have considerably revived, and its customs, after falling so low as 10,000 dollars, had risen, some years ago to 400,000. Population 4000.

The state of Puebla stretches nearly across the continent, and over the high table-land. It has few mines, but co tains an extensive table plain, 6000 feet high, eminently fertile in wheat, maize, and fruit. Popocatepetl, the loftiest mountain in Mexico, exceeds by 2000 feet the highest in Europe. The volcano has for eaveral centuries thrown up only smoke and ashes.

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La Puebla, or Puebla de los Angeles, is a handsome and large city. It is entirely Spanish, he/ing been founded since the conquest. The streets are straight, broad, and cross each other at right angles, dividing the whole into spacious squares. They are well paved, and have broad foot-paths. The houses are large and lofty, the walls often covered with paintings, while the roof is ornamented with glazed tiles. The cathedral is a vast pile, with little external croament: but the interior is rich beyond description. The high altar is composed of the most beautiful marble and precious stones: its numerous and lofty columns, with right and carrieds of hyroished gold its actues and other ornaments have an most beautiful marble and precious stones; its numerous and lofty columns, with plinths and capitals of burnished gold, its statues and other ornaments, have an unequalled effect. In manufactures is takes the lead of other Mexican cities; those of woollen have declined, but those of earthenware and glass are still flour-lishing. The population is estimated at 50,000, Cholule, the ancient capital of a great independent republic, has declined into a town, containing 5000 ands. The pyramid of Cholule is the vork of art which, next to the pyramids of Egypt, approaches nearest in magnitude and vastness to

those of nature. It is not nearly so high as the Great Pyramid, being only 172 feet; but the length is nearly double; 1485 feet, instead of 728.

Vera Cruz occupies a great le gth Gi sea-coast on the Gulf, but it is compara-tively narrow. It extends inla- from the level of the Gulf of Mexico to that of the great central table same a day's journey the inhabitants may ascend from regions of the most suffice angles to home of eternal snow. This state is capable of yielding in abundance the m. precious productions; and within a recent period, sugar, tobacco, and cotton, all of excellent quality, have been raised to a much greater extent: but the horror with which the climate is viewed both by Europeans and Indians is such, that the greater part of it remains a complete desert, where often, for many leagues, there are only to be seen two or three huts, with herds of cattle, half wild, straying round them.

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somely built of the submarine material called madrepore, which is also made into lime; and its red and white cupolae, towers, and battlements, have a splendid effect when seen from the water. The streets also are kept extremely neat and clean; yet it is considered the most disagreeable of all places of residence. This arises not merely from the pestilence which taints the air; the surrounding courty is covered with sand blown into hillocks, which, reflecting the rays of the sun, render the heat more oppressive. There is not a garden or a mill now within many miles of it; and the only water which can be drunk is that which falls from the clouds. The markets are bad for every article except fish, of which many beautiful species are here caught. The place appears to have sensibly declined since the dissolution of the ties which connected Mexico with the mother-country. The population of Vera Cruz is about 7000. The castle of San Juan de Ulloa, the last hald of Spain in the New World, and which commands the entrance of the port, is of immense strength.

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The fine calsada or paved road, from Vera Cruz into the interior, runs up to the handsome town of Kalapa or Jalapa, the capital of the state. The Puente del Rey or Royal Bridge, between the two cities, is a stupendous work of solid mesoury thrown over a wild and steep ravine. Xalapa is commodiusly situated in a delightful district, about 4000 feet above the sea. It has 12,000 inhabitants, and was formerly the residence of the rich Spanish merchants of Vera Cruz during the sickly season. The neighbourhood is finely wooded, and is particularly remark the for the medical article into which take it name from the city.

ing the sickly season. The neighbourhood is finely wooded, and is particularly remark ble for the medical article jalap, which takes its name from the city. On the coast, to the south, are the ports of Alvaredo and Huasacualco, the former of which became the principal entrepôt on the Gulf, during the occupation of San Juan de Ulloa by the Spanish forces; and the latter derives some interest from its situation at the termination of the proposed canal, from the Gulf of Mexico to that of Tehuantepec.

The state of Queretaro, detached from the intendency of Mexico, lies to the west of Vera Cruz. It is wholly on the central table-land, and contains some rich mines of silver, but the inhabitants are chiefly employed in agriculture. Queretaro, the capital, is one of the most beautiful and delightfully situated, as well as one of the most industrious and wealthy cities of Mexico. The streets all cross each other at right angles, and terminate in its three principal squares. Its aqueduct, about ten miles in length, with its bold and lofty arches, and its splendid churches and convents, give the city an air of magnificence. The convent of Santa Clara is more than two miles in circuit. Population 40,000. San Juan del Rio is remarkable for its great fair, and for its famous sanctuary, a magnificent

del Rio is remarkable for its great fair, and for its famous sanctuary, a magnificant temple, saited by great numbers of pilgrims.

Michaelan, or Valladolid, is an extensive state, situated to the north and west of that of Mexico, on the summit and western declivity of the table-land, in the unhealthy tract along the coast, enjoys a fine and temperate climate, is intersected with hills and charming valleys, and presents the appearance, unusual in the torrid zone, of extensive and well-watered meadows. This territory has been marked

unhealthy tract along the coast, enjoys a fine and temperate climate, is intersected with hills and charming valleys, and presents the appearance, unusual in the torid zone, of extensive and well-watered meadows. This territory has been marked by some phenomena of the most striking nature. On the 29th of September, 1759, from the centre of a thousand small burning cones, was thrown up the valcano of Jorullo, a mountain of scorize and ashes, 1700 feet high. In an extensive plain, covered with the most beautiful vegetation, deep subterrancous noises, accompanied by frequent earthquakes, continued for the space of fifty or sixty days. On the night of the 28th of September, the sounds recommenced with such fury, that all the inhabitants fied from the district. A large tract of ground was seen to rise up and swell like an inflated bladder, and spectators reported that, throughout this space, flames were seen to issue forth, and flagments of burning rocks were thrown up to prodigious heights; and that, through a thick cloud of ashes illumined by the volcanic fire, the softened surface of the earth appeared to heave like an agitated sea. The plain is still covered with numerous small cones, sending forth from their crevices a vapour, the heat of which often rises to 95°. From among these rise six large hills, of which the highest is Jorullo, still burning, and throwing up immense quantities of scorified and basaltic lava. The only large town in the state is Valladolid, with 18,000 inhabitants, delightfully

d, 6300 fest above the sea, where snow sometimes falls. There are several but none of dest-rate magnitude. It has wide, clean streets, a magnificent ral, and a handsome plass.

thedral, and a handsome plans. Guanaxonto is one of the smallest but most populous of all the states. its fame to the great mine of Valenciana, discovered late in the last century, round which rose one of the most splendid cities in the New World. Between 1766 and 1808, this mine yielded silver to the amount of 165,000,000 dollars. Since that time it has suffered a severe deterioration from the effects of the revolutionary contest, and has declined also in consequence of the greater depth of the workings, and the increased difficulty of clearing off the water.

This state also contains the celebrated Baxio, a rich plain, highly cultivated, and producing in perfection all the fruits of Europe and many of those of tropical countries. The Baxio became the theatre of many of those herrible events that deluged Mexico in blood during the revolutionary struggle. The capital, situated

deluged Mexico in blood during the revolutionary struggle. The capital, situated in the midst of the rich mining district, is built on very unoven ground, and the streets are often very steep; but the buildings are in general handsome, and some of the churches are very fine; the alhondigs, or public granary, an immense quadrangular edifice, is a remarkable object. The population of the city and neighbourhood has been reduced from 90,000 to 34,000 m 1835.

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Jalisco, or Guadalaxara, is an extensive state, which has the important advantage of being traversed throughout its extent by the river of Santiago, the largest in the southern part of Mexico. It appears that within the last thirty years very important advantage has been taken of this circumstance; that industry has made rapid progress, and an active commercial spirit prevails. The capital, Guadalaxara, which, in 1795, was estimated to contain 19,500 inhabitants, has at present 80,000. It is regularly laid out, with wide, straight streets, and contains many handsome churches and convents. The mountain of Colima in this Territory, 9000 feet high, throws out smoke and ashes, and forms the western extremity of the volcanic chain which traverses Mexico from east to west.

The silver mines of Bolafice in this state rank among the richest in Mexico. San Blas, at the mouth of the river, is a mere roadstead; the holding ground is bad, and the road is much exposed to westerly winds. It is perched on the top of a cliff, near the mouth of the river, and during a certain season of the year, it is extremely unhealthy, though not in so deadly a degree as Vera Crux; and at that time the rain falls in such torrents that no roof can exclude it, and it is immitted the rain falls in such torrents. At the commencement of this possible without danger to go out into the streets. At the commencement of this season, therefore, a general migration takes place; and the population is reduced in a few days from 3000 to 150, at which it remains stationary until the return of

the dry season.

Tepic, eighteen leagues from Sau Blas, is a beautiful town, in the midst of a cultivated plain, and its streets, regularly laid out, are enlivened by rows of trees,

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Zecutecas, north and east of Guadalaxara, in the inland centre of Mexico, is an arid rocky plain, strongly impregnated with carbonate of sods, and suffering under the inclemency of the climate. It derives its wealth and distinction solely from mines, of which the most important in Mexico, next to that of Guanaxuato, are here situated. The mine of Pavellon, in Sombrerete, has already been mentioned is having yielded in a given time a greater produce than any other mine known to exist. Zacatecas, the capital, is reckoned by Humboldt to contain 33,000 inhabitants. The mint, which is the second in point of importance in Mexico, employs 300 persons, and 60,000 dollars have been coined here in twenty-four hours. The total coinage in four years, from 1834 to 1837, was upwards of 22,500,000 dollars. Agus Calientes, which derives its name from its warm springs, is a y town, in a fertile district, and with a delightful climate. The inhabitants, out 20,000 in number, carry on some manufactures. Fresnillo, Sombrerete, and

Pinos, are mining towns with from 12,000 to 16,000 inhabitants.

Oaxaca is a fine state, situated near the borders of Guatemala. The beauty and malubrity of the climate, the fertility of the soil, and the richness and variety

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of its productions, render it one of the most delightful countries in the world. These advantages were appreciated at an early period, when it became the seat of an advanced civilization. Ozzaca has no mines of any importance, and has therefore, attracted less attention than the more northern parts of the table-land, though in every other respect inferior to it. Oaxaos, the capital, called Antequera at the time of the conquest, is a flourishing place; in 1792, it had 24,000 inhabitants, and although it suffered severely during the revolution, its present population is about 40,000. Tehuantepec, its only port, is not a good one; but it is of considerable value as a channel by which the indige of Guatemaks is concerned to Europea. veyed to Europe.

The little state of Tabasco, to the north of Chiapa, is chiefly covered with vest forests, which contain valuable dye-woods; the cultivated lands yield caces, to-bacco, pepper, coffee, and indigo; but during the rainy season a large portion of the state is under water, and the only method of communication is by canoes. It contains no large towns. The capital is the little town of Hermon. Tabasco, at the mouth of the river Tabasco, is remarkable as the spot upon which Cortex

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The state of Yucatan, comprising the peninsula of that name, forms the eastern extremity of Mexico. It is a vast plain, only intersected by a chain of mountains, which do not rise above 4000 feet. It is thus excessively hot; yet, from its extreme dryness, it is by no means so unhealthy as most of the low lands under this burning zone. The heat is too great for the ripening of European grain, and the only articles which it yields for subsistence are paize and roots. This was the siret part of Mexico in which the Spaniards landed, and, though it be less improved than the interior, they found, to their surprise, indications that civilization was in a more advanced state here than in the islands; stone houses, pyramidal temples, enclosed fields, and a clothed and civilized people. Having no mines, however, it owes its commercial importance solely to its valuable products, log-

wood and mahogany. Merida, the capital, is a small town. Campeachy, also a small town, is, however, a fortified place, and is important on account of its harbour, from which is shipped the logwood cut in the visinity.

On the other side of the peninsula the British possess the settlement of Honduras. The population consists of about 4000 persons, of whom about 300 are white, and the rest Indians, negroes, and mixed breeds. Balize, the capital of the river of the same name. the settlement, is a well-built town, on both sides of the river of the same name The colony was founded for the purpose of cutting logwood and mahogany, and its exports in 1830 were of the value of 1,500,000 dollars.

Chiapa formed the most northerly district of Guatemala; but the greater part of it, on a late occasion, separated itself from Guatemala, and united with Mexico. The soil is fertile, and capable of yielding, in profusion, tropical fruits and grain.

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Chiapa of the Spaniards, called also Ciudad Real, though ranking as the espital,

is now only a small place of 4000 families. Chiapa of the Indians is larger, and carries on a considerable trade. There are several other large villages, chiefly Indian. Near Palenque, the most northern of these, Don Antonio del Rio traced, in 1787, the remains of the great ancient city of Culhuacab. Fourteen large buildings, called by the natives the Stone Houses, remain nearly entire; and for three or four leagues either way, the fragments of the other fallen buildings are seen extending along the mountain. They are of a rude and massive construction, and the principal construction, and the principal construction. struction; and the principal apartments are adorned with numerous figures in relief, representing human beings of strange form, and variously habited and adorned. These ruins were lately visited by Mr. Stephens, an American traveller.

The state of Tamaulipas occupies the whole coast from the river Panuco, or Tampico, to the Nueces. It is difficult of access, as it contains few harbours, and a continual surf breaks along the whole shore, which, during the prevalence of the Northers from November to March, is tremendously increased. The Del-Norte traverses the northern part of the state, and the Panuco, or Tampico, the southern. The latter abounds in ahrimps, which are boiled in salt and water, dried and packed in small bales, and sent to all parts of the country. Tampico de

las Tamaulipas, or New Tampico, near the mouth of the river, was founded in 1824, and has rapidly increased on account of its commercial advantages, which have attracted thither inhabitants of Altamira, once a place of some importance. Tampico has now about 5000 inhabitants, but it suffers under a want of good water. The river is navigable for small vessels, 80 miles to Panuco, a place celebrated in the history of the conquest, and still remarkable for the remains of buildings, weapons, and utensile found in its vicinity. Further north, on the Santander, is the port of Soto la Marina, with some trade, and on the Del Norte is Matamoras. Ascending the table-land to the west of Tamaulipas, we enter the state of San Luis Potosi, which contains some of the richest silver mines of Mexico. The inhabitants are described as industrious, and they supply the states of Loon and Coahuila with cloth, hats, wearing apparel, &c. The capital, of the same name, is a neat and well-built town, containing a mint, and many handsome churches and convents, and it carries on an active trade with the interior. Including the suburbs, it is said to have a population of 50,000. Catorce, whose mines are surpassed in riches only by those of Guanaxuato, is built in a wild and rugged region, at the foot of a dreary mountain, surrounded by huge bare rocks, and intersected by deep narrow ravines.

The state of New Loon, lying to the east of the Sierra Madre, is yet sufficiently elevated above the sea to enjoy a delightful climate. Monterey, the capital, is a well-built town, with about 12,000 inhabitants, many of whom are wealthy Spanjards. Linares is also a neat town, in a highly cultivated district, and has a pole

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West and north of New Leon is the state of Coahuila, comprising a comparatively narrow tract south of the Nueces, and between Tamaulipae and Chihuahua, Its extreme southern part lies on the central table-land, and the dreary mountains and barren plains in the vicinity of Saltillo present a striking contrast to the fertile land and luxuriant herbage of the Tierra Caliente of New Leon. Leona Vicario, formerly Saltillo, the capital, is a neat town, with 12,000 inhabitants.

The whole of the north-eastern part of New Spain was occupied by the extensive intendency of San Luis Potosi, which comprised the provinces of San Luis, New Santander, New Leon, Coahuila, and Texas; the four last-named forming what were termed the Internal Provinces of the East. Only a small portion of this vast tract lying on its western border, is mountainous, the greater part being low and level, and containing extensive prairies. The coast is deficient in harbours, and is lined with long, low, narrow islands of sand, forming a succession The mouths of the rivers are also blocked up by sand-bars. of shallow lagoons.

This intendency is now divided into four states.

Proceeding again into the interior, we find the central table-land occupied by the states of Durango and Chihuahua, formerly composing the intendency of New Biscay, or Durango. "To the inhabitants of the southern and central provinces," says Ward, "everything north of Zacatecas is terra incognita, and the traveller is surprised, after passing it, to find an improvement in the manners and character of the inhabitants. Durango, where the change first becomes visible, may be considered as the key of the whole north, which is peopled by the descendants of a race of settlers from the most industrious provinces of Spain (Biscay, Navarre, and Catalonia), who have preserved their blood uncontaminated by any cross with the aborigines, and who retain most of the habits and feelings of their forefathe. They have much loyalty and generous frankness, great natural politeness, and considerable activity both of body and mind. The women, instead of passing their days in languor and idleness, are actively employed in affairs of the household, and neatness and comfort are nowhere so great and general as in the north. These characteristics extend, with some local modifications, to the inhabitants of the whole country formerly denominated the Internal Provinces of the West, and which now compose the states of Durango, Chihuahua, and Sonora and Sinaloa, with the Territories of New Mexico and the Californias. In all these the white population predominates, and the Indians continue unmixed, residing in towns and villages of their own, as the Yamayas or Mayas, or hove: the like the Apaches, round the civilized settlements, and subsisting by the chase." The latter are the

most numerous of the aboriginal tribes in this quarter. Their territory is denominated Apacheria.

Durango contains some rich mines of silver, which, with the agricultural produce, comprising cattle, nules and sheep outton, coffee, sugar and indigo, form the wealth of the inhabitants. The capital, of the same name, is a well-built town, with a mint, in which the silver of the vicinity is coined. It contains 22,000 inhabitants. Parral, famous for its rich silver mines, had once a population of 50,000; but the mines are now filled with water, and the population is reduced to 7000. In the neighbourhood is a celebrated lump of malleable iron and nickel, The mines of Guarisamev and Batonilas are also noted for their richness.

The mines of Guarisamey and Batopilas are also noted for their richness.

The central table-land may be considered as nearly terminating in Chihushua, which consists in part of dry, unwooded plains: the soil is here impregnated with carbonate of soda and saltpetre. The capital, of the same name, is well built, and contains some costly churches, monasteries, and other public edifices; but the population has been reduced from 50,000 to 12,000 in the year 1835. The rich mines of Santa Julalia, in its vicinity, once yielded 5,000,000 dollars a year. In the western part of Chihushua, are the Casas Grandes, or ruins of large square buildings, whose sides are accurately ranged north and south: a space of several leagues is covered with these remains, consisting of aqueducts and various other structures.

The Sonora and Sinaloa is a vast tract lying between the Gulf of Mexico and the Colorado on the west, and the Rocky Mountains on the east. The southern part only contains some white inhabitants, the centre and north being occupied by various Indian tribes, among whom are the Apaches, Seris, Yaquis, Moquis, Mayas, &c. Many of them are civilized and industrious. The southern part of the state belongs to the Tierra Caliente, and consists of a vast sandy plain, destitute of vogetation, except in the rainy season and in some well-watered spots. Further north the climate is mild and agreeable, and the land is productive and comprises some beautiful valleys. The state contains rich silver mines; gold is obtained from washings, and auriferous copper ore abounds. There are also pearl fisheries. Wheat, hides, furs, gold, silver, and copper. are exported. Guaymas is said to be the best harbour of Mexico, but the town is unhealthy, and the water brackish. Pitic, or Petic, in the interior, is the residence of the wealthy merchants, and is a place of considerable trade, being the depot of articles imported into Guaymas for Upper Sonora and New Mexico. The town is irregularly built, but it contains many good houses, and about 8000 inhabitants. Alamos is a place of about 6000 inhabitants, having in its vicinity some of the richest silver mines in Mexico. Villa del Fuerte is the capital of the state. Mazatlan has a good harbour, though exposed to the south-west winds.

New Mexico is a fertile territory, situated on both sides of the upper part of the Rio del Norte: it is separated from the rest of the world by mountains and deserts; that portion of it lying east of the river, is considered, by the Texans, as a part of their republic; but they have hitherto been repulsed, in their attempts to gain possession of the country. There are some valuable mines of copper; and from \$60,000 to \$80,000 worth of gold is obtained every year. Santa Fé, the chief town, has 6000 inhabitants; it is resorted to by merchants from Missouri, who cross the prairies with goods of various kinds; their trade has sometimes amounted to from \$1,500,000, to \$2,000,000 in value; but it has

of late years declined.

Lower California is a long peninsula in the Pacific, parallel to the continent, from which it is separated by its deep & ... It enjoys the most beautiful sky in the world; but the soil is sandy and arid, and only a few favoured spots present a trace of vegetation. There are about 7000 Spaniards and converted Indians, and 4000 savages; and it is not supposed that the population can ever be much greater. The missions have been mostly broken up since the revolution. Loreto, once a place of some note, now contains about 250 inhabitants.

New or Upper California is a vast tract extending north from Lower California to the lat, of 42°. A lofty ridge of mountains runs along its western side, not far from the sea, forming the prolongation of the mountains of the peninsula, and

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OR UNITED STATES OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

The republic of Guatemala, or Guatimala, occupying the narrow tract between the two great masses of the continent, has, in virtue of its position, assumed the title of the United States of Central America.

Guatemala is bounded on the south-east by the republic of New Grenada; on the north and north-east by the Mexican States, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea; and on the south and south-west by the Pacific Ocean. Measured by an oblique line from one extremity to the other, it may be 1050 miles in length; but the breadth, from sea to sea, nowhere exceeds 500, and in some places is only 100 miles. The surface has been estimated at 200,000 square miles, which, though it appears small when compared with the other American states, is nearly double the whole extent of the British Islands.

The surface of Guatemala does not display that lofty and rugged character which generally marks the neighbouring portions of the American continent. The chain of the Andes, which raises such a tremendous snowy barrier through the greater part of the continent, sinks in the isthmus of Panama into a mere rocky dike, connecting North and South America. Near Nicaragua, it seems to become little more than an insensible ridge, sloping down to the shores of the opposite oceans. Proceeding north-west, it soon rises and presents to the Pacific a lofty range, in which are twenty-one volcanoes, partly burning and partly extinct. The loftiest, called the volcano of Guatemala, being covered with snow for several months in the year, cannot be much less than 10,000 feet high. Hence Guatemala, though it does not present a continuous table-land, like Mexico, has high mountain valleys, enjoying a cool and agreeable air, and producing the grain and the fruits of the temperate zone. The eastern part, swelling somewhat into the form of a peninsula, and known by the name of Mosquitia, or the Mosquito shore, consists of a vast and savage forest, beat by the burning rays of the sun, and occupied by rude and unsubdued Indians.

The waters which descend from the Andes of Guatemala fall into one or other of the opposite oceans, and do not swell into rivers of any importance; but there is one grand aqueous feature, the Lake of Nicaragua, 150 miles in length, and 60 in breadth, and having almost throughout a depth of ten fathoms. Numerous streams, flowing from different quarters, form this great body of water, which has only one outlet in the river San Juan, which flows from it into the Atlantic. The surface of the lake is diversified and adorned with small islands, in one of which is a volcanic mountain. It communicates by a navigable channel of 26 miles,

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with a smaller lake, called the Lake of Leon, which may almost be considered as a branch of it, and is 50 miles long by 30 broad.

The productive qualities of Guatemala are, if possible, superior even to those of other countries in the fruitful climates of America. Like Mexico, it yields in different regions, and at small distances from each other, all the varieties of fruit and grain peculiar to the tropical and temperate zones. Of fruits, several of the most valuable are produced in the highest perfection. The indigo, which forms so large a part of the commerce of Mexico, is almost entirely Guatemalan. The cacao of Soconusco is said to be the very finest in the world, though it is cultivated on too small a scale to enter much into the market of Europe. Vanille, however, the other ingredient of chocolate, is procured to a great extent from this quarter. Sugar, cotton, cochineal, mahogany, and dye-woods, are also exported. There are manufactures of cotton and porcelain, some of them fine, but only for internal consumption; and the fabrics in wrought gold and silver are said to possess great merit. As to commerce, Guatemala labours under the disadvantage of not having on either ocean a port capable of receiving large ships; and its commodities have to bear a heavy land-carriage, and a coasting voyage, before they arrive at Vera Cruz.

Guatemala abounds in mines, particularly of silver; some of which have been undertaken by an English company, in the expectation of their proving productive; but the result is yet uncertain.

Canals are naturally an undertaking beyond the infant resources of Guatemala; but one is in contemplation, which, if executed, will be the greatest and most important work of this kind on the globe. This is a canal to connect the Atlantiand Pacific, navigable for the largest vessels, so as to enable European vessels to reach China and parts of India by an easier and more direct course,—thus causing an important revolution in the commercial world. It will, probably, be undertaken from the Lake of Nicaragua, which communicates with the Atlantic by the broad channel of the San Juan, and is separated from the Pacific by an interval of from sixteen to twenty miles in breadth, through which it seems certain that a good level could be found. To execute, therefore, a canal of the dimensions of the Caledonian, is, even at present, completely within the reach of human skill and resources. It is an undertaking indeed, which does not belong to the government within whose limits it is placed; and, though the capitalists of North America or Europe would find no difficulty in providing the funds, the political atmosphere of Central America is scarcely yet so settled, that they might look forward with full confidence to compensation for the large advances which would be necessary.

The population cannot be considered as well ascertained. It does not fall short of 2,000,000. About one-half of the whole number are Indians, one-fifth whites, and three-tenths mixed races. There are no negroes in the country.

The government is federal republican in its form, being modelled on that of the United States. A federal congress, composed of a senate and house of representatives, chosen the latter by the people, the former by the states, and a president, also chosen by the popular vote, manage the general concerns of the confederacy. Each state has its respective legislature and executive chief for the administration of its domestic affairs.

The territory of the republic, together with the present Mexican state Chiapas, formed the Spanish captaincy-general of Guatemala until 1821, when it was incorporated with Mexico. On the fall of Iturbide, in 1824, it separated itself from the latter, and constituted itself an independent republic, under the title of the Federal Republic of Central America. The confederacy consists of five states, and a federal district, as follows.

States.	Population.	Capital.
Guatemala	800,000	Old Gustemala.
San Salvador	350,000	San Salvador.
Honduras	250,000	Comayagua.
Costa Rica	150,000	San Juan.
Nicaragua	250,000	Leon.

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Guatemala Proper is the central province, comprising the great chain of volcanic mountains, and the slope downwards from them to the sea. It is here that the great variety of climate and productions appears, and that the latter are in the highest perfection. What is strictly called the valley of Guatemala consists properly of nine valleys, of varying elevation, enclosed within the great circuit of volcanic mountains. In the centre of this range of valleys, at an elevation not precisely known, stands the old city of Santiago de Guatemala. It was erected first in 1527, at the foot of an enormous mountain, called the Volcano of Water (de Agua), and which too soon justified that title; for, a few years afterwards, an aqueous eruption burst forth, of the most formidable character, which overwhelmed the whole city, and buried in its ruins a great part of the inhabitants. Appalled by this disaster, the Spaniards removed the city to another situation in a beautiful and finely watered valley, which yielded in profusion all the necessaries and luxuries of life. A new town, also called Santiago de Guatemala, was here erected, But the site, with all its felicities, had terrible defects. It was liable to dreadful shocks of earthquake and volcanic eruptions, which rendered the existence of its inhabitants constantly insecure, and their fate often tragical. In the above succession of calamities, severe attacks of pestilence were interspersed. At length, in 1775, the series was consummated by a truly appalling earthquake, the shocks of which, continuing at intervals from June to December, reduced the city nearly to a heap of ruins. The Spanish government, on being advertised of this disaster, sent out instructions to remove to another site; but this, perhaps well-meant, order, being executed in an abrupt and despotic manner, only aggravated at first the miseries of the unfortunate city. New Guatemala was built in the valley of Mixco, in a situation not so fertile and beautiful, but extremely healthy, and exempt from the dreadful calamities of which the old city had been a victim. It was reared in the usual regular manner and with numerous square; the houses are neat, though low, to mitigate the danger of earthquake; the churches and other public edifices on a smaller scale, but of very elegant design. The citizens, supposed to amount to 50,000, ply, with very considerable diligence, the trades of weaving, pottery, working in silver, and embroidery: its chief articles of trade are indigo and cacao. Old Guatemala likewise has risen from its ashes, and a great proportion of its exiles have gradually found their way back to their former abode. Having attained a population of 18,000, it has been reinvested, not with the privileges of a city, but those of a town.

San Salvador, to the south, is the capital of the state of the same name, which contains above 300,000 people, and forms a very rich tract, yielding most of the indigo which is the staple of the kingdom. The capital, in a fine valley, contained, in 1778, a population of 12,000, chiefly employed in the indigo trade. A variety of volcanic movements desolate this province, while they present curious phenomena to the view of the observer.

The state of Nicaragua lies to the south of the preceding. The territory is rich in all the tropical fruits, but in none which belong to the temperate climes. It has, however, vast savannahs covered with numerous herds of cattle, which are sent even to the market of the capital. But the most prominent object in this province is the lake, and the chief interest excited by it is the projected oceanic canal; both of which have been already mentioned. Leon, or San Leon de Nicaragua, is a place of about 20,000 inhabitants, of whom about 1000 are Spaniards, with a college, which in 1812 was allowed by the Cortes to be converted into an university. It occupies an advantageous position on the northwestern shore of the lake of the same name, which communicates by its outlet with Lake Nicaragua. Fourteen leagues distant is the fine harbour of Realejo in the Pacific, separated only by a level country over which there is a good road. Nicaragua, on the lake of the same name, is a town of about 8000 inhabitants. Its port is San Juan, at the mouth of the navigable outlet of the lake.

Costa Rica, or the Rich Cost, to the south of Nicaragua, seems named ironically, being in a state of extreme and deplorable poverty. It is very capable, however, of yielding the common tropical products; but the inroads of the Buccaneers caused a desertion, from which it has never recovered. Cartage, how-

ever, in the heart of the province, has a population of 20,000 persons, of whom 600 are, or were, Spaniards.

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The eastern part of the republic consists of the state of Honduras, so named from the peninsula which separates it from Yucatan. The whole coast is flat, marshy, hot, and extremely unhealthy, though some parts of the interior rise into hilly and temperate tracts. This region is covered with thick forests containing the valuable trees of mahogany and logwood. The mahogany trees are very thinly scattered, and are cut down by gangs of negroes, preceded by what is called the finder, who mounts the tops of the highest trees, and spies out where a mahogany tree is to be found. The chief expense is in the conveyance to the coast. Turtle is found in abundance along this shore. Gold and silver mines are said to exist here, but none have ever been worked, or even found. Comayagua, called also Valladolid, is agreeably situated in the interior; but, though the nominal capital, it has never attained any great importance. Truxillo, and Cape Gracias, are more conspicuous places, but now also much decayed. Omoa, with a good harbour, has some trade. The cultivation of tobacco, and the rearing of cattle, form the principal occupations of the inhabitants of Honduras.

THE WEST INDIES.

THE WEST INDIES consist of an archipelago of large and fine islands, situated in the wide interval of sea between North and South America. Their rich products, their high cultivation, and the very singular form of society existing in them, have rendered them in modern times peculiarly interesting.

These islands extend in a species of curved line, first east, and then south, beginning near the southern part of the United States, and terminating at the coast of South America, near the mouth of the Orinoco. On the east and rorth they are bounded by the Atlantic; on the south, the Caribbean sea separates them from the coast of Colombia; on the west, the broad expanse of the Gulf of Mexico is interposed between them and that part of the continent. The largest are those which extend from the Gulf of Mexico eastward; Cuba, Hayti, Jamaica, and Porto Rico. Those which run from north to south are smaller; but many of them, as Barbadoes, Martinico, Guadaloupe, Trinidad, are very important from their fertility and high cultivation. This latter part of the group is frequently called the Windward Islands, from being exposed to the direct action of the trade winds, blowing across the Atlantic; they are named also the Antilles, and frequently the Caribbee Islands, from the name of the people, called Caribs, found there by the discoverers. Area of all the islands from 90,000 to 100,000 square miles.

Mountains of considerable elevation diversify each of these islands, causing them to resemble the elevated remains of a portion of the continent, which some convulsion has overwhelmed. Generally speaking, the interior is composed of a range or group, sometimes of little more than a single mountain, the slopes of which, and the plain at its feet, constitute the island. The most elevated peaks of Cuba, Hayti, and Jamaica, exceed 8000 feet; while the highest summits of the Windward Islands range from 8000 to 4000 feet. Most of these eminences have evidently been the seat of volcanic action; but this appears to have ceased in all of them, except the Soufrière of Guadaloupe, which still exhibits some faint indications of it.

The climate of the West Indies is, for a great part of the year, mild and pleasant; the heat being in some degree moderated by the uniform lengths of the nights, and by refreshing sea breezes. The seasons are divided between the wet and the dry; the former, occurring in May and October, are of short continuance; and, during the rest of the year, the sky is clear, and the nights are remarkable for their brilliancy. In the interval, between the months of August and October, the West India islands are sometimes visited by terrible storms or hurrieanes. They are in general preceded by a profound calm; this is soon followed by lightning and thunder, rain, hail, and impetuous blusts of wind, which move with

incredible swiftness. Plantations, forests, and houses, are often swept away before their violence; which, however, is of short duration.

The West Indies abound in nearly all the productions of warm climates; the principal fruits are oranges, lemons, pine-apples, pawpaws, bananas, plantains, &c.; manioc, yams, Indian corn, &c., are cultivated for food; and sugar, coffee,

The forests contain mahogany, lignum-vitse, iron-wood, and other woods

The native races of these islands are now nearly extinct. When first discovered by the Spaniards, they were inhabited by two distinct nations; the Arrowauks, a mild and peaceful people, who had made some advances in civilization, occupied the Bahamas and the Great Antilles; and the Caribs, a fierce and warlike race, inhabited the more southerly isles. Of the latter, a few individuals are

cocoa, cotton, indigo, tobacco, alispice, &c., furnish important articles of com-

race, inhabited the more southerly isles. Catill to be found in St. Vincent and Trinidad.

The present population is composed of several distinct classes, between whom scarcely any sympathy exists; they comprise whites, negro slaves, emancipated negroes, and mulattoes. The whites consist of Europeans and creoles, or whites born in the West Indies: in all the islands, with one exception, they are the masters, and possess all the power and property. The slaves form the chief masters, and possess all the power and property. The slaves form the chief bulk of the population, except in Hayti and the British islands, and are the descendants of slaves originally brought from Africa. The emancipated negroes have obtained their freedom either by legislative enactment, as in the British colonies; by the exercise of numerical force, as in Hayti; by manumission through the favour of masters, who had conceived an attachment to them; or earned by the industrious employment of their leisure hours. The mulattoes, &c., have been produced by intercourse between the white and black races, and

are never enslaved. The population of all the islands is about 3,305,000.

By an Act of the British Parliament, passed in 1833, the slaves were, on the 1st of August 1834, made apprenticed labourers; to continue such a part of them till the 1st of August 1838, and part till the 1st of August 1840, when they were all to be emancipated. To indemnify the owners of the slaves, Parliament voted them the sum of 20 millions of pounds sterling, or nearly 100 millions of dollars, as a compensation, payable in certain fixed proportions, according as each colony should be ascertained to have complied with the terms of the Act.

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Soon after the passing of this Act, the slaves in the islands of Antigua and the Bermudas, were made free by the colonial governments; and Acts were subsequently passed by the legislatures of Barbadoes, Jamaica, Nevis, Montserrat, St. Christopher's, St. Vincent, Tortola, and the other islands, by which all the slaves or apprenticed labourers were liberated in those islands on the 1st of Au-

gust 1838.

The result of this important measure is not yet fairly ascertained; the accounts published so far, are, for the most part, contradictory; and the question has as sumed so much of a portisan character, that it is difficult to arrive at any conclusion respecting its policy. In the mean time, plans have been proposed, and adopted to a certain extent, for introducing free labourers from Western Africa, and Hindoostan; and a small number, from both regions, have arrived. The negroes are admitted to have acted generally with order and propriety, since their emancipation: in Jamaica, and some of the other islands, many of them have become small proprietors, and are industrious in cultivating the ground; others are indolent, and refuse to labour except at extravagant rates. Many large estates, formerly well cultivated and productive, are now almost deserted for want of labourers; and it cannot be doubted, that the amount of exportable articles is, in consequence, very considerably diminished in amount.

The commerce of the West Indies is greater in extent, than in any other country of the same wealth and population, in the world. The value of the exports is probably not less than 75 millions of dollars annually; the imports are rather more than half that amount. The greatest trade is with Great Britain, and the United States, and the British North American colonies. France, Spain, and

the Hanse-towns have also each a considerable trade,

The chief articles of export are sugar, coffee, rum, tobacco, cotton, cocoa-

pimento or allspice, mahogany, logwood, &c. The imports are manufactured goods of all kinds from Europe, with flour, lumber, fish, and salted provisions from the United States and British America. American domestic goods, and

various fancy articles, are also imported:

The islands of the West Indies, with the exception of Hayti and Margarita, belong to different European nations, and are under the control of governors appointed by the powers to which they respectively belong. In nearly all the islands the government is of a military character; but, in the British islands, it is modelled on the constitution of the mother country. The several islands have a governor, lieutenant-governor, and legislative council appointed by the crown; and most of them have also a house of representatives, chosen by the people.

Spanish Islands.

The western colonies of Spain, for some centuries comprised the greater part of America; but are now limited to the two islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. Yet these are so productive, that, since a more liberal policy has been adopted towards them, they have in no small degree compensated for her immense lesses.

Cuba, the finest and largest of the West India islands, is about 780 miles in

length by 52 in mean breadth, and has a superficial area of 43,500 square miles, being nearly equal in extent to all the other islands taken together. It is traversed throughout its whole extent by chains of mountains, whose highest peaks, Potrillo and Cohre, attain an elevation of more than 8500 feet; and the plains beneath are copiously watered, and rendered fit for producing, in the highest perfec-tion, all the objects of tropical culture. The situation of Cuba, commanding the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico and the communication between North and South America, gives it a high commercial and political importance; yet Spain long viewed it merely as the key of her great possessions, and the passage by which she reached them; and this great island did not, in the value of its produce, equal some of the smallest of the Antilles. But during the last forty years, a concurrence of circumstances has rendered it the richest of the European colonies in Within the period last mentioned, and especially since the any part of the globe. separation of the continental colonies from the mother country, a more liberal and protecting policy has been adopted; the ports of the island have been thrown open; strangers and emigrants have been encouraged to settle there; and, amid the political agitations of the mother-country, the expulsion of the Spanish resi-dents from Hispaniola, the cession of Louisiana and Florida to a foreign power, and the disasters of those, who, in the continental states of America, adhered to Old Spain, Cuba has become a general place of refuge. Its progress, from these causes, has been most extraordinary. At the close of the last century, it was obliged to draw from the rich colony of New Spain the sums necessary for the support of its civil administration and the payment of its garrisons; of late years, it has been able not only to provide for its own exigencies, but to afford important aid to the mother-country in her contest with her revolted colonies. In 1778, the revenue of the island amounted to 885,358 dollars; in 1794, to 1,136,918 dollars; and in 1830, to no less than 8,972,548 dollars, a sum superior to the revenue of most of the secondary kingdoms of Europe. The inhabitants have applied themselves with surprising success to the culture of the great West India staples, sugar and coffee; between 1760 and 1767, the exports of sugar amounted to only 5,570,000 lbs.; in 1832, they exceeded 250,000,000 lbs. In 1800, there were only 80 coffee plantations on the island; in 1827, they amounted to 2067.

Four censuses have been taken of the population of Cuba, giving the following general results: in 1775, 171,620 souls; in 1791, 272,301; in 1817, 593,033; in 1827, 704,487; in 1839, 1,198,000. The following table shows the character of the population at the first and two last named periods:—

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	Whites				450,000
	Free Mulattoes	19,327		57,514	89,000
	Free Blacks			48.980	153,000
	Slaves	44,333		286,949	436,000
	Totals	171,620		704,487	1,128,000

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The principal articles of export from Cuba are sugar, coffee, rum, molasses, wax, tobacco, and cigars, with honey, hides, cotton, fruits, &c. The principal imports are corn, grain of all sorts, flour, lumber, dried fish, and salt provisions, chiefly from the United States; cotton goods, hardware, and various other manufactured articles, such as hats, shoes, cabinet-ware, carriages, &c., from the United States and Great Britain; lineas from Germany and Ireland; eliver and gold, indigo and cochincal, from the Spanish-American States; winee, spirits, &c., from France and Spain, with such other articles of luxury and use as an opulent agricultural community, in a tropical climate, requires. The total value of the imports for the year 1837, amounted to no less than \$22,940,357; of exports, to \$20,346,407.

Cuba is divided into two provinces; the Havana being the capital of the one, and Santiago of the other. The Captain-General is at the same time civil governor of the western province; but, except in military matters, the governor of the eastern province is responsible only to the Court of Madrid. This island is also divided into three military divisions—a Western, Central, and Eastern; the chiefs of which are, of course, subordinate to the Captain-General. The Royal Court (Real Audiencia) has the supreme jurisdiction in all civil and criminal affairs. In the principalities, there are Ayuntamientos; and, in the rural districts, Jueces Pedaneos, who combine the exercise of judicial functions with those of

police commissioners, &c.

Havana, or the Havannah, the capital of Cuba, is one of the most flourishing cities of the New World. It once carried on the whole, and still retains more than two-thirds, of the commerce of the island. In 1839, 326,428½ bores of sugar, and 1,394,086 arrobas of coffee, were exported from this city. The harbour is admirable, capable of containing a thousand large vessels, and allowing them to come close to the quay: its narrow entrance has been found disastrous when fleets were seeking shelter from a pursuing enemy. The fortifications, particularly the Moro and Punts castles, are remarkably strong. The city presents a magnificent appearance from the sea, its numerous spises being intermingled with lofty and luxuriant trees. The churches are handsome and richly ornamented; and several private mansions are reckoned to be worth above 60,000l. each. The interior, however, for the most part consists of narrow, ill-paved, and dirty streets, crowded with merchandise and wagons, and presenting entirely the appearance of busy trade. Yet the alameds, or public walk, and the opera, on the appearance of a favourite performer, exhibit a gay and even splendid aspect. The recently constructed suburbs are also built in a superior style. Population, in 1845, 140,000. The Havana is connected with Guines, a town on the south side of the island, by a rail-road of 45 miles in length, which was completed in 1839.

Matanzas, 60 miles east of the capital, is now the second commercial town in the island. The harbour is capacious, easy of access, and sheltered from all winds, except those from the north-east, which are not dangerous here. Population 20,000. In 1839 it exported upwards of 190,000 boxes of sugar, and 175,000 arrobas of coffee. As the vicinity is rapidly becoming settled and brought under cultivation, its importance is daily increasing. A rail-road, to some of the interior towns, has been lately completed. Cardenas, a port 25 or 30 miles east of Matanzas, has some trade with the United States. Trinidad is one of the most populous and thriving places on the island, since the removal of the restrictions on its trade. It is well built, and standing on the southern shore, it is beyond the influence of the northers which are experienced on the other side of the island. Its harbour is capacious, but exposed, and its commerce considerable. Population, 19,500. To the west lies Clenfuegos, a small commercial town of 2500 inhabitants, with one of the best harbours in the world, formed by the magnificent bay of Xagua. Its trade with the United States is considerable in amount.

Puerto Principe, situated in the interior, is a poor, dirty, and ill-built town, in a wet spot, which in many places is only passable on raised footpaths. Its inland trade is considerable. Population, 24,000. The little town of Neuvitas, lately founded on a bay of the same name on the northern coast, serves as its port.

In the eastern part of the island is Santiago de Cuba, once the capital of Cuba. It is one of the oldest and best-built towns of the colony, and contains 24,753

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Jam The lo majest inhabitants. At El Cobre, near Santiago, are valuable copper-mines, now ex-tensively wrought, chiefly by English miners. Bayamo or San Salvador, an old town in the interior, has a population of 7500 souls. Its port is the thriving little commercial town of Mananillo, with 3000 inhabitants. To the west is Holguin, with 4000 inhabitants and at the eastern extremity of the island is Baracoa, now much reduced, but remarkable as the first settlement formed by the Spaniards in

Cuba. Population, 2500,

Porto Rico, or Puerto Rico, the smallest of the Great Antilles, is about 100 miles in length by 36 in mean breadth, and has a superficies of 4000 square miles. Although inferior to none of the islands in fertility and general importance, it was long neglected by Spain, and until the beginning of the present century its wealth was derived entirely from its woods and pastures. Porto Rico is traversed by a lofty mountain-ridge, which in the castern part rises to the height of about 4000 feet; on each side of this central ridge lie rich and beautiful valleys, well watered and well wooded, below which stretch the fertile plains that contain the thriving agricultural and commercial towns. The population, in 1836, was 357,086; of this number 41,818 were slaves; 127,399 whites; and 188,869 free coloured persons. The law makes no distinction between the white and the coloured classes,

and the whites are in the habit of intermixing freely with the people of colour.

The exports are sugar coffee, tobacco, rum, &c.; the imports are the same as those of Cuba.

Their annual value is about 5,500,000 dollars; of exports, nearly the arrae amount; two-thirds of which are in American bottoms; of 116,590 tons,

the tonnage arrived in 1839, 64,000 was American, and 29,300 Spanish.

The capital, Puerto Rico, or San Juan, is a large, neat, and well-built town on the northern coast, with a deep, safe, and capacious harbour. It is very strongly fortified, and contains about 30,000 inhabitants. The other towns are small; Mayaguez and Aguadilla on the west coast, Ponce and Guayama on the southern, and Faxardo, are the principal ports. The little island of Bieque, or Crab Island, lying off the eastern coast, is claimed by Great Britain.

British Islands.

The British possessions, though not the most extensive or naturally fruitful, are, since those of France have sunk into secondary importance, among the best cultivated, most wealthy, and productive. Perhaps no part of the globe has, in proportion to its extent, yielded such an amount of valuable commodities for exportation. The following table exhibits the population and commerce of each of these islands.

Piaces.	Whites.	Coloured.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Years.
Antigua	1,980	33,432	35,112	£176,076		
Barbadoes	14,959	87,953	102,912	606,586	897,990	1838
Dominica	840	17.994	18.834	68,077	78,282	1836
Grenada	801	27,312	29,123			
Jamaica	30.000	318,844	348,944	1,442,570	1,600,000	1838
Montserrat	330	7,399	7,659	-,,		
Nevis	700	10,722	11,4 2	27,183	12,203	1839
St. Christopher's	1,612	23,660	25,272	98,344	145,703	1836
St. Lucia	881	17,267	18,143	60,344	69,040	1636
St. Vincent	1,301	25,821	27,122	00,000		
Tobago	280	14,621	14,901	70,000	1	
Tortola & Virgin Is.	477	6,488	6,965	10,426	24,729	
Anguilla	365	2,715	3,080	20,000		
Trinidad	4,901	41,083	45,284	1	494.343	1839
Bahamas	4,657	13,916	18,573	142,021	92,802	1834
Bermudas	4,264	4,456	8,720	97,911	25,271	1839
Total	67,648	653,613	721,961			9

Jamaica is the largest and most valuable island in the British West Indies. The lofty range of the Blue Mountains in the interior, covered with ancient and majestic forests, gives to its landscapes a grand and varied aspect. From these

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heights descend about a hundred rivers, or rather rills, which dash down the steeps in numerous canades, and, after a short course, reach the sea. From these elevated tracts the island is supplied with the vegetable productions of a temperate climate; and the Guinea grass, which has prospered remarkably, enables the planters to maintain numerous and valuable herds of cattle. Yet the soil is considered to be by no means universally good, and its actual fertility is ascribed in a great measure to diligent manuring and cultivation. The abundance of water must always be a main source of fertility in tropical countries. The rum of Jamaica is considered superior to that of any of the other districts; but its coffee ranks second to that of Berbice. Pimento, the plantations of which are extremely ornamental, is peculiar to this island, and has been often termed Jamaica pepper. With her natural and acquired advantages, however, Jamaica has not been preserved from the pestilential influence of the climate, which renders it extremely dangerous to European constitutions.

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The towns of Jamaica, as of the other islands, are all sea-ports, and supported by commerce. Spanish Town, or Santiago de la Vega, the most ancient, and still the seat of the legislature and courts, is of comparatively little importance, and has not more than 4000 or 5000 inhabitants. Port Royal, possessed of a secure and spacious harbour, was, in the end of the seventeenth century, enriched both by the trade of the island, and the contraband traffic with the Spanish main. It was then, with the exception of Mexico and Lima, the most splendid and opulent city in the New World. Suddenly an earthquake swallowed up the greater part of the city and its inhabitants. Yet the advantages of its situation caused it to be soon rebuilt; and ten years after, when it had been burnt to the ground, it was reared again from its ashes. But in 1723 it was assailed by a hurricane, the most dreadful ever known, even in these latitudes. The sea rose seventeen or eighteen feet, undermined and overthrew a great part of the houses; the shipping in the harbour was entirely destroyed, with the exception of a few large vessels, which had only their masts and rigging swept away. Port Royal, being then viewed as a fatal spot, was abandoned for Kingston, and is now reduced to 200 or 300 houses. The fortifications, however, which are very strong, are still kept up, and the navyyard is maintained there. Kingston, about twenty miles N.E., is now the nrucipal town of Jarvaica. Its commerce, though not equal to what that of Port Royal cace was, is great, and is favoured by a spacious and commodious readstead. Its population is about \$5,000. All these towns are on the south-eastern coast, which is the most level and fertile, and most favourable for trade. Montego Ray, a place with about 4000 inhabitants, carries on the more limited commerce of the northern coast. Savanna la Mar, in the west, is little more than a village; it has a good harbour, and a little trade. The Grand and Little Cayman, which are inhabited only by a few hundred fishermen and

Barbadoes, the most eastern of the Caribbees, was the first settled English island. Having no mountains in the centre, it is less copiously watered than the other Antilles; and, being farther out in the Atlantic, is peculiarly exposed to the general scourge of hurricane. Its soil, though deficient in depth, being composed chiefly of a fine black mould, is well fitted for the culture of sugar; and its rich plantations, diversified by the gentle hills which rise in the interior, present a delightful landscape. Bridgetown, the capital, is one of the gayest and handsomest towns and one of the strongest military posts, in the West Indies, containing above 20,000 inhabitants. It has an excellent harbour, much frequented, not only for the trade of the island, but by vessels which, in consequence of its easterly position, reach it before any of the other islands, and touch there for

Antigua, St. Christopher's, and several others now to be mentioned, form what are called the Leeward Islands, which, running from east to west, are supposed to be less exposed to the action of the trade wind. All the Leeward Islands have one governor, who resides at Antigua. Hence John's Towr., its capital, admired for its agreeable situation and the regularity of its buildings, derives a considerable degree of importance, and is a favourite resort. It has about 15,000 inhabit-

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ants. English Harbour, on the southern coast, with a royal dock-yard, is an important naval station.

St. Christopher's, known often by the familiar appellation of St. Kitt's, was first occupied by the English in 1623; and, though repeatedly disputed by the Spaniards and French, has, with the exception of some short intervals, remained in the possession of Britain. The interior, rising into the lofty peak of Mount Missery, is peculiarly rugged and mountainous, but the plain along the sea surpasses in richness and beauty that of any of the other islands, abounding in the black mould which is peculiarly fitted for sugar. Basseterre, the capital, on the southwest coast, contains 6000 or 7000 inhabitants

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Dominica is a large island, but not productive altogether in proportion to its extent, much of the surface being mountainous and rugged. Several of its volcanic summits throw out, from time to time, burning sulphur; but they do not act to any destructive extent. It is interspersed, however, with fertile valleys; a large quantity of coffee is raised on the sides of the hills. Roseau, or Charlottetown, the capital, is by no means so flourishing as before the fire of 1781; it is well built, but many of the houses are unoccupied. Its population may amount

St. Vincent's is one of the most elevated and rugged of the Antilles. It contains the only very active volcano in these islands, which, after being dormant for a century, burst forth in 1812 with tremendous violence, exhibiting the most awful phenomena. Several plantations were destroyed, and almost all those on the eastern coast were covered with a layer of ashes ten inches deep. The peak of Morne Garou is nearly 5000 feet high. Yet the intermediate valleys, being fertile in a high degree, render St. Vincent's, on the whole, a very productive island. It contains small remnants of the native Carib race, mingled with some free negroes, who were early introduced, and have adopted many of the Indian usages. Kingston, the capital, has been supposed to contain 8000 inhabitants.

Grenada exhibits a considerable variety of surface, which, on the whole, however, is extremely productive, and renders it an important acquisition. The scenery, though not so grand as that of some of the others, is peculiarly beautiful, and has been compared to that of Italy. St. George, the capital, named formerly Fort Royal, possesses one of the most commodious harbours in the West Indies, and has been strongly fortified. The Grenadines, or Grenadillos, lying between Grenada and St. Vincent, produce some sugar and coffee.

Tobago, or Tabago, is a small but fertile and beautiful island. Notwithstanding its southerly situation, the heat is tempered by breezes from the surrounding ocean, while at the same time it appears to be out of the track of those hurricanes which have desolated so many of the other islands. It yields the fruits and other products common to the West India islands with those of the bordering Spanish mair.. Scarborough, a town of about 3000 inhabitants, is its capital.

St. Lucia was ceded to Great Britain in 1815. Its high peaks, called Pitons by the French, and sugar-loaves by the English, are visible at some distance at sea. The soil is productive, but the climate is unhealthy. On the western side is Port Castries, or Carenage, one of the best harbours in these islands. The town has a population of about 5000 souls.

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Trinidad, separated only by a strait from the coast of South America, where that mainland is traversed by the branches of the Orinoco, shares in a great measure its character. It is covered with magnificent forests, and presents scenery

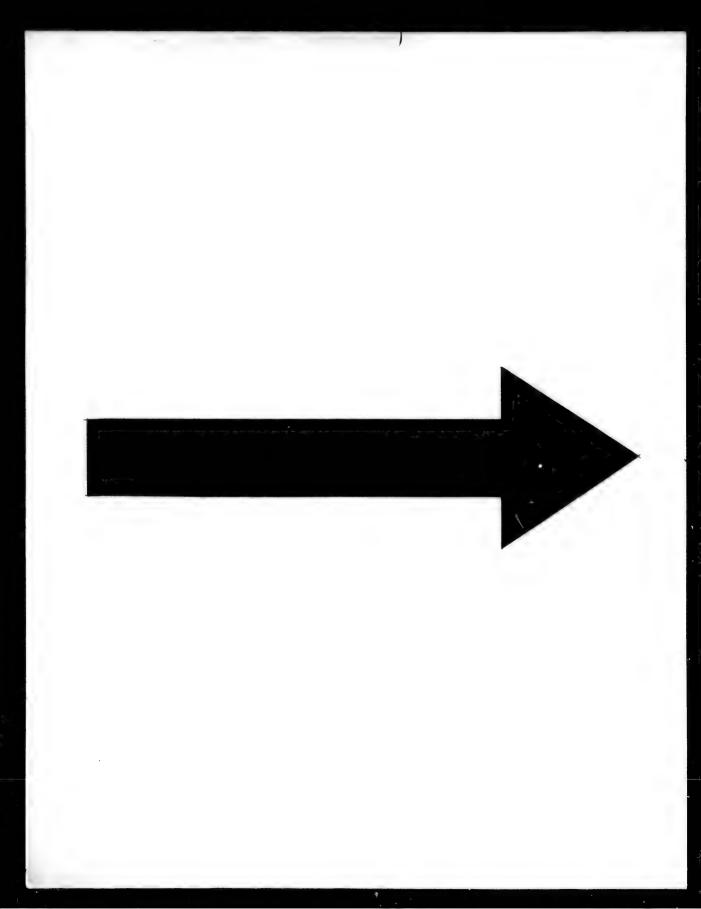
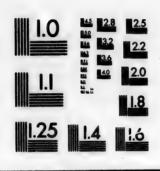


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peculiarly grand and picturesque. The island is unhealthy, but fruitful. One remarkable object in this island is a lake of asphaltum three miles is circumsference. This substance, being rendered ductile by heat, and mingled with grease or pitch, is employed with advantage in greasing the bottoms of ships. Trinide's contains still about 900 native Indians. Port Spain (Puerto España) is a considerable town, well fortified, and with an excellent harbour. It is built regularly and handsomely, with a fine shaded walk and spacious market; and the churches, both Protestant and Catholic, are very richly ornamented.

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The Berrudas, situated in the midst of the Atlantic, about 600 miles east from the coast of North America, may, for want of a more appropriate place, he described here. About 400 are numbered; but most of these are mere rocks, and only eight possess any real importance. The Bermudas are peculiarly fortunate; being exempted from the scorching heats of the tropic, enjoying almost a continued spring, and being clothed in perpetual verdure. But though they afford thus an agreeable and healthful residence, they have not proved productive in any of those commodities which can become the staple of an important traffic. Cotton has been tried, but without any great success. They have been used as a place of deportation for criminals, but in this respect are now superseded by the Australian settlements. The rocky nature of the coasts renders them easily defensible, but unfavorable to navigation. St. George, the seat of government, on an island of the same mane, is only a large village.

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French Islands.

The possessions of France in the West Indies, previous to the revolutionary war, were more valuable than those of any other nation. The exports from St. Domingo alone amounted to 25,000,000 dollars. That valuable island is now entirely lost to her. During the late war all her islands were captured, and she ceased to exist as a colonial power. At the peace, Martinique and Guadaloupe ware restored.

Martinico, or Martinique, is a large and fine island, about fifty miles in length and sixteen in breadth. The surface is generally broken into hillocks, and in the centre rise three lofty mountains, the streams descending from which copiously water the island. The highest of these mountains, Montagne Pelée, is 4429 feet above the sea: they are all extinct volcanoes. The census of 1836 was 117,502 of whom 40,000 were white and free coloured, and 77,50C blaves. The imports from France amounted, in 1836, to 19,480,588 francs; the exports to that country, to 16,423,428. Fort Royal, the capital and the seat of the courts of justice, is a wall-built town, with 11,500 inhabitants; but the chief trade centres in St. Pierre,

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the largest place in Martinico and in all French America. Its excellent road has rendered it an entrepti for the trade of the mother-country with this quarter of the world. It has about 20,000 inbabitants. La Trinité, on the bay of the same name on the east side of the island, has about 4600 inhabitants.

Guadaloupe is from 50 to 60 miles long and 25 broad. It consists of two islands, since a narrow channel or arm of the sea, about five miles in length, called Rivière-Salée, or Salt river, crosses the isthmus by which its castern and western portions are united. The western, called Basseterne, notwithstanding the name (which is derived from its position with regard to the trade-wind), contains a chain of lofty mountains, one of which emits volumes of smoke, with occasional sparks of fire. However, its plains are copiously watered, and freight. The castern division, called Grande Terre, is more fat, and labours under a deficiency of water. In 1836 the population was 137,668, of which \$32,059 were ficiency of water. In 1936 the population was 197,668, of which 39,059 were whites and free coleured, and 95,609 slaves. Value of the exports, in 1836, 24,575,141 france; of the imports, 96,769,217. Basseterre, on the part of the island bearing that name, ranks as the capital; but having a bad harbour, is supported merely by the residence of government, and has not more than 5500 in-habitants. Capesterre, on the east coast of Basseterre, is its other chief town. Points-à-Pitre, on the eastern side of Grande Terre, or rather at the junction of the two, carries on almost all the trade, and had a population of about 12,000. It was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake in Feb. 1843. The islands of Marie-Galante, the Saintes, and Descada, and the French part (rather more than one-half) of St. Martin, are appendages to Guadalonpe; but they are of little

Dulch, Swedish, and Danish Islands.

The possessions of the Dutch in the West Indies, when compared with their eastern colonial empire, appear exceedingly limited. Their only islands are St. Eustatia, Saba, and Curaços. The first two are small isles lying immediately

north of St. Christopher's.

St. Eustatia is cultivated with great care, and abounds particularly with tobacco; also in cattle and poultry, of which it affords a surplus to the neighbouring islands. The capital is well fortified, and forms a species of entrepôt both of regular and contraband trade. The population of the island is estimated at 13,700; that of the town at 6000. Saba, only twelve miles in circuit, and destitute of a harbour, is a pleasant island, but of no commercial value. The Dutch share with France the small island of St. Martin, valuable almost solely for its salt-works. Cura-coa is a larger island, far to the south-west of the others, and only about seventy miles distant from Venezuela. It is about thirty miles long, and ten broad; but the greater part of its surface is arid and unfertile, and its importance was chiefly derived from the contraband trade which its situation enabled it to carry on, while the continent was exclusively possessed by Spain, and studiously shut against the vessels of other countries. Since Colomnia became independent, and threw open her ports to all nations, Curaçoa has sunk into a seaondary staton. Population about 13,000. Williamstadt, its capital, however, with a fine harbour, has still a considerable trade, and a population of 8000. Two smaller islands, one on either side, Buen Ayre and Oruba, also belong to the Dutch. Their inhabitants are chiefly cattle-breeders.

The Danes have three small islands in the West Indies. St. Croix, or Santa Cros, the principal one, lies to the south of the Virgin Islands: it has a surface of eighty-one square miles, and a population of about 32,000, all slaves, except 3500 whites and 1300 free coloured. It is productive, in proportion to its extent, in the usual West Indian articles. Christiansted, the capital, has 5000 inhabitants. St. Thomas, one of the Virgin Islands, is of little importance, unless as a favourable station for introducing into the other islands those goods which the great States have declared contraband. In the year 1840, the imports were to the amount of \$5,000,000. St. Thomas, the capital, with an active trade and 3000 inhabitants, contains about half of the population of the island. St. John's, another of the same group, is very small, and only noted for its excellent harbour.

The Swedes have only one small island, St. Bartholomew, situated about fifty miles north of St. Christopher's. It is not quite twenty-five square miles in ex-

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Hayti.

Hayti, now an independent negro republic, forms one of the most peculiar and interesting portions of the New World. It is a very fine island, situated between Jamaics and Porto Rico, about 450 miles in length, and 110 in breadth, and having an area of 28,000 square miles. Hayti is the original Caribbee name of the island, and signifies the mountainous country. Columbus named it Hispaniols; and it was frequently also called St. Domingo. The French bestowed on it the deserved epithet of La Reine des Antilles. In the centre of the island rises the lofty range of the mountains of Cibao, of which the peak of La Serrania rises to the height of 9000, and that of La Sella to 7000 feet. These mountains are covered nearly to the summit with vegetation and noble woods, and from them descend numerous streams, which, uniting in four large rivers, bestow extreme fertility on the plains beneath. The principal productions of the island are, in the west and south, coffee, the sugar-cane (which is chiefly employed in the making of taffia, the ordinary rum of the country), and cotton; in the north, coffee, the splendid sugar estates about the Cape (Haytien) having been mostly abandoned or converted to other uses; in the east, cattle, with some tobacco. Mahogany and logwood, lignum-vitæ, honey, wax, and fruits, are also important articles of production.

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other uses; in the east, cattle, with some tobacco. Mahogany and logwood, lignum-vitæ, honey, wax, and fruits, are also important articles of production. Hayti was discovered by Columbus 1495, and was soon conquered by the Spaniards, who treated the natives with great cruelty. In 1691 Spain ceded one-half of the island to France; and so prosperous did that portion of it become, that in the year 1789 its produce and commerce were equal to those of all the other West India islands. At that time the slaves were about half a million in num-

The French revolution caused an extraord nary change in the state of Hayti. In 1791 the Assembly caused to be proclaimed throughout the island their rayourite doctrine, that all men were free and equal. the first instance, to a contest between the wh This proclamation gave rise, in the free coloured population. But while these parties were contending for the slaves felt that it applied also to them. They are in a body, massacred or drove out the other two classes, and became entire masters of French St. Domingo. This revolution, with the excesses which accompanied it, soon ended, like other revolutions, in a military despotism, which was established in 1806 by Dessalines, who assumed the title of James I. He was succeeded by Christophe, his second in command, who named himcelf Henry I., hereditary king of Hayti. Meantime, however, the republic of Hayti was established in another part of the island, under the presidency, first of Pétion, and then of Boyer. Henry, harsseed by attacks from this and other quarters, ended his life by suicide in 1890. Boyer then, by a series of vigorous operations, not only extended his sway over all the French part of the island, but annexed to it also that belonging to Spain (1829); so that the whole is now comprehended in the republic of Hayti. France in 1803 made strong efforts to regain this valuable island, but without success. At length, on the 17th of April, 1825, a treaty was concluded, by which she acknowledged the independence of Hayti, on condition of receiving the large sum of 150,000,000 france, to be paid in five annual instalments. But by the new treaty of 1838, the balance belonging to France was fixed at 60,000,000 france, to be paid by the year 1863. . In January, 1843, an insurrection took place in Hayti and a provisional government was established by the army under General Herard. The old government was abolished, and President Boyer, and many of his friends, left the island. Subsequent changes have taken place, but the island is still in a disturbed state. General Pierrault was chosen president in April 1845.

An independent negro State was thus established in Hayti; but the people

have not derived all the benefits which they sanguinely expected. Released from their former compulsory toil, they have not learned to subject themselves to the restraints of regular industry. The first absolute rulers made the most extraordinary efforts to overcome the indolence which soon began to display itself. The Code Rural directed that the labourer should fix himself on a certain estate, which he was never afterwards to quit without a passport from the government. His hours of labour and rest were fixed by statute. The whip, at first permitted, was ultimately prohibited; but as every military officer was allowed to chastise with a thick cane, and almost every proprietor held a commission, the labourer was not much relieved. By these means, the produce of 1806 was raised to about a third of that of 1789. But such violent regulations could not continue to be enforced amid the succeeding agitations, and under a republican regime. Almost all traces of laborious culture were soon obliterated: large tracts, which had been one eatire sugar-garden, presented now only a few scattered plantations. The export of sugar, which in 1806 had been 47,516,531 lbs., amounted in 1825 to 9020 lbs. Coffee, which continued to be a staple production, was also much diminished. The only indemnification which the people sought was in the easy task of cutting down the forests of mahogany and logwood, which were found of greater value than had been supposed. Within the last few years, a considerable increase has taken place in the exports of coffee, logwood, cotton, mahogany, to-bacco, and other articles. The export of coffee in 1837 was about 31 million, and of logwood about 6,000,000 pounds.

The imports are flour, sait provisions, lumber, &co., from the United States; cotton goods and other manufactured articles, from Great Britain, the United States, France, and Germany; wines, jewellery, &co., from France. No statement of the annual amount of the exports and imports, worthy of credit, can be

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The government of Hayti is professedly republican, but it has been well described as practically a military democracy. The chief executive officer is the President, who holds the place for life. There is a Senate, consisting of 24 members, name! for life by the House of Representatives from a list of candidates presented by the President. The Representatives are chosen for the term of six years by the parishes, but the body of the people takes but little interest in the elections. The President proposes the laws and financial arrangements, which are acceded to with little discussion. The revenue in 1837 was 33,852,576. Expenditure, \$2,713,102. The army amounts to 28,000, and the National Guard, or militia, to 40,000 men. The population of Hayti is estimated at 700,000. The religion of the Haytians is Roman Catholic, but there is little attention paid to the subject, and the state of morals is described as exceedingly bad; other religions are tolerated. Whites are not allowed to hold landed property, or to carry arms.

Port an Prince, now Port Republican, is the capital of Haysi, and the chief seat of trade. It has a secure and excellent roadstead, but the country around is marshy, and, during the summer, very unhealthful. The city is built mostly of wood, its streets unpaved, and containing no remarkable edifices. The population may be from 12,000 to 15,000. Petit Goave and Jaquemel are small towns in the same department, wit. good harbours and some trade. Cape Haysten, formerly Cape Français, the seat of the kingdom established by Christophe, was better built, with well-paved streets, and some handsome squares, and had a population of about 10,000. May 7, 1849, it was overthrown by an earthquake,

when 7000 of the inhabitants perished.

Aux Cayes or Les Cayes, is a neat town, with a flourishing trade: it was almost destroyed by a hurricane, in August, 1831; but has since revived, and is now one of the most flourishing towns in the island. Jeremie is a place of considerable trade. Gonaives is a small town with a good harbour. St. Domingo, the capital of the Spanish part of the island, presents the remains of a very handsome city; a solid and spacious cathedral, a large arsenal, houses in general commodious and well built; but it has been long in a state of decay, and is supposed to contain a population of about 12,000. The white and coloured inhabitants far out number the blacks.

SOUTH AMERICA.

SOUTH AMERICA, which is comprised between the 12th degree of north and the 56th of south latitude, and which spreads in breadth from 36° to 81° W. lon., is inferior in dimensions to the northern portion of the continent, by almost 1,000,000 square miles. Its coast is also less indented by large bays, but it presents the same tapering form to the south. Its greatest breadth, about six dégrees south of the equator, is 3200 miles, and its length 4500.

In this vast country, rivers roll through an extent of 4000 miles, and are so broad that the eye cannot reach from one shore to the other. In one point, are seen mountain-summits above the clouds, white with snows that never melt; while their bases rear the banana and pine-apple. In a day, a man can pass through all climates, from that of the equator to that of Nova Zembla. In some places, volcances, too numerous to be classed, throw out smoke and flames. Still, in other places, are vast and deep forests abounding in all the grand flowering and gigantic vegetation of tropical climates, which spreads an immense extent, that has never yet resounded with the woodman's axe. Nature here shows herself alternately in unexampled magnificence, beauty, sublimity, power, and terror.

South America may be divided into five distinct physical regions.

1. The low

country on the shores of the Pacific, about 4000 miles in length, and from 50 to 200 in breadth: the two extremities of this district are fertile, the middle a sandy desert. 2. The basin of the Orinoco, surrounded by the Andes and their branches, desert. 2. The basis of the Orinoco, surrounced by the Andrea and their oranges, and consisting of extensive plains nearly destitute of wood, but covered with a high herbage during a part of the year. 3. The basin of the Amazon, a vast plain, with a rich soil and a humid climate, and exhibiting a surprising luxuriance of vegetation. 4. The great southern plain of the Pampas; in parts, dry and barren, and in parts, covered with a strong growth of weeds and wild grass. 5. The high country of Brazil, eastward of the Parana and the Araguay, presenting

alternate ridges and valleys, thickly covered with wood on the Atlantic slope.

The most extensive in range, and, with one exception, the loftiest mountains on the globe, extend through this continent from its northern to its southern extremity, and impart to it a character of unequalled grandeur and magnificence. The principal chain of the Andes runs from north to south, at a distance from the shore of the Pacific Ocean, varying from one to two hundred miles, and appears to extend through the isthmus of Darien, and to be connected with the great western chain of North America. The elevation of the Andes is by no means uniform. In some places it rises to more than 20,000 feet, while in others it sinks to less than one half that height. The whole range seems to rest upon volcanic fires, and numerous peaks are constantly burning. These mountains send off several subordinate ridges; the principal and the most extensive is that which stretches along the northern coast of the continent towards the island of Trinidad, and is known as the chain of Venezuela: its highest summits are usually estimated at from 14,000 to 15,000 feet in height. The main ridge of the Andes commences at the isthmus of Darien, and, in its progress southward, shoots up, under the Equator, into the lofty summits of Chimborazo and Antisana, while it spreads terror by the tremendous volcanoes of Pinchincu and Catopaxi. On reaching the elevated regions of Bolivia, it forms a vast mass, amidst whose lofty peaks tower Mount Sorata, of 25,250, and Mount Illimani, of 24,350 feet elevation, surpassing in height all the other peaks of this great chain, and second only to the most ele-vated summits of the Himmaleh Mountains. Passing onward between Buenos Ayres and Chili, the Andes preserve this elevation very little diminished; but toward the most southern extreme, they fall gradually to less than one-fourth of their greatest height, and assume an aspect dreary and desolate, in correspondence with the wintry severity of the climate. The principal ridge generally rises abruptly, with numerous and frightful precipices, hiding its lofty summits in the clouds, or rising with awful majesty into the pure regions of the air above them.

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The mountains which traverse the castern section of Brazil, in their position and relation to the great plains of the continent, present a striking resemblance and relation to the great plains of the continent, present a striking resemblance to the Appalachian or Alleghany system of North America. Rising south of the Amazon River, they extend, by several nearly parallel ranges, to the Rio de la Plata, be ond which they finally sink into the vast plains of the Pampas. The whole of these eastern ranges are, however, low in elevation, compared with the great western chain. They generally reach from 2000 to 3000 feet, and in a few cases are elevated to near 6000 feet, and are not, it is believed, in any instance, the seat of volcanic action,

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The rivers of South America have undisputed claims to rank amongst the greatest on the globe, whether considered in their vast length of course, depth and breadth of stream, or in their capacity for an extensive and continuous inland navigation. Of these, the Amazon, or Maranon, is the most important and prominent. This great stream, with its mighty branches, the Madeira, Caqueta, Rio Negro, &c., drain an extent of country estimated to equal nearly the whole of Europe, flowing through regions which will no doubt one day be the finest in the world. They roll, at present, through savage deserts and impenetrable forests, which have never felt the axe or the plough. The immense size of the Amazon would admit of a ship navigation of from 1000 to 2000 miles, did not the rapidity of the current prevent; but it will no doubt at some future period yield to the power of steam. The hoat navigation extends about 2500 miles, to the Pongo or rapids at Jaen, where the river passes a subordinate chain of the Andes. The Rio rapus at such, where the river passes a shorthing chain of the Andes. In Rado de la Plata, or Parana, opens to the ocean with an estuary of 150 miles in breadth. Its ship navigation extends to Buenos Ayres, and that for boats 1800 miles farther. By its tributaries, the Paraguay, Pilcomaya, and Vermejo, navigation is carried through a great range of country, almost to their sources. The Orinoco, though not equalling either the Amazon or Rio de la Plata, is nevertheless an important stream. By its means, and that of its tributary, the Meta, vessels of suitable burthen may ascend from the ocean almost to the foot of the Andes. Its entire course is not far short of 1500 miles. When it meets the sea, its green-coloured waves strongly contrast with the blue of the ocean. The aspect of the outlet of this immense stream, convinced Columbus that such a body of fresh water could only issue from a continent.

Here it was, while feeling the refreshing land-breeze charged with the aromatic fragrance of a boundless wilderness of flowers, and contemplating the ethereal mildness of the sky, the great discoverer imagined himself near the garden of Eden, and that the Orinoco was one of the four great rivers mentioned in the Scriptures as issuing from Paradise. Between the Orinoco and the Amazon there is a singular communication by means of the Casiquiare River, which flows alter-

nately into each stream, according as the waters of either prevail.

The southern portion of this continent centains an animal population which is in a measure peculiar, and offers a large variety of forms and characters, which have no corresponding types among the productions of any other country. Of the carnivorous animals, the jaguar, the cougar or puma, the ocelot, and mougar, are the chief of the cat family. The lama, a useful animal, of the camel kind; the vicuns, the tapir, the peccary, resembling the domestic hog, the capibarra, the chinchilla, a kind of rat that furnishes the chinchilla fur, the coypou, resembling the beaver of the northern continent, the sloth, the agouti, the ant-eaters, the

armadillo and Brazilian porcupine, and monkeys of various kinds.

The jaguar, or American tiger, is a formidable animal, and is in size between the tiger and leopard of the old continent. It is found from Guiana to Paraguay, and is a solitary animal, inhabiting thick virgin forests. They attack cows, and even bulls of four years old, but are especially enemies to horses. It will seldom attack man, except when strongly pressed by hunger: instances, however, are known of persons having been seized and carried off by them. The cougar is found in different parts of South America, and is believed to be the same animal

as the North American panther.

The tapir, or anta, is of the size of a small cow, but without horns, and with a short naked tail; the legs are short and thick, and the feet have small black hoofs. His skin is so thick and hard as to be almost impenetrable to a bullet; for which reason the Indians make shields of it. The tapir seldom stirs out but in the night, and delights in the water, where he oftener lives than on land. He is chiefly to be found in marshes, and seldom goes far from the borders of rivers or lakes. He swims and dives with singular facility. This animal is commonly found in Brazil, Paragusy, Guians, and in all the extent of South America; from the extremity of Chili to Colombia.

The lama resembles a very small camel, is gentle and confiding in its manners; its carriage is graceful and even beautiful; they abound in great numbers from Potosi to Caraccas, and make the chief riches of the Indians and Spaniards, who rear them. Their flesh is esteemed excellent food: they are trained to carry burdens, and the strongest of them will travel with from 100 to 150 pounds weight on their backs; their pace is slow, but they are sure-footed, and ascend and decend precipices and craggy rocks, where even man can scarcely accompany them. They are mostly employed in carrying the riches of the mines to the large towns and cities. Bolivar affirmed that above three hundred thousand of these animals were employed in his time. Their hair, or wool, is long, soft, and elastic, and may be manufactured into excellent clothing. Two or three pounds of straw will suffice the lama for food for twenty-four hours. It will not travel at or straw will sumce the lama for root for twenty-four nours. It will not travel at night; and if offended will spit at the person with whom it is angry, whether it be a stranger or the person who feeds it. The vicuna is smaller than the lama, and is celebrated for the superior fineness of its wool; it inhabits the highest points of the southern Andes, and exhibits great liveliness. The chinchilla is a species of field rat, about the size of a Guinea-pig, and is held in great estimation for the extreme fineness of its fur or wool; it is sufficiently long for spinning. The little animal is about 6 inches in length, and lives in burrows under ground in the open parts of Chili and the adjoining regions of South America. The Cay-pou is an animal closely resembling the beaver in size, quality of fur, and general organization, but its tail, instead of being flat, is round, and it does not form the societies nor construct the residence for which the latter species is so well known. It seems nevertheless to represent this species in the rivers and lakes of South America, from whence its fur is brought under the name of Racconda. The sloth is peculiar to South America; this animal, in its wild state, spends all its life in the trees, and never quits them but through force or accident, and lives not upon the branches, but suspended under them; leaves and wild fruits constitute its food. Among the Mexicans and Peruvians were found the very few domestic animals

which existed in America previous to the arrival of Columbus; and even they possessed only the lama and vicuna, and a small species of lap-dog, which they called alco, and which is believed to have resembled the small naked variety at present found in Barbary and the Levant. The lama was used as a beast of burden, and the long and thick fleece of the vicuna furnished a rich and fine wool, which was manufactured into cloth of a beautiful texture; the flesh of both species carefully an agreeable ford wholescene food

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The horse, the ass, the ox, the sheep, the goat, and the pig, were all strangers to the New World, and were brought from Europe, at an early period, by the first settlers; some of them have increased prodigiously in every part of America; in many places they have even regained their pristine state of savage freedom; innumany places they have even regained then pristine state of savage freedom, mand merable herds of wild oxen cover the rich savagnaha of Brazil, Buenos Ayres, and Colombia, and troops of horses, equally wild, are found in every part of the pam-pas, and likewise in the high plains on the banks of the Arkansas, in North America. A nominal property in these wild herds is generally claimed by particular individuals; and they are assembled also at certain periods, to be marked and counted, but in all other respects they are left to the unrestrained exercise of their natural freedom. The horned cattle are principally valuable for their hides and tallow, which are for the most part shipped to European ports, and constitute two of the principal commodities of South American exportation. The custom of hunting cattle for this purpose is becoming, in South America, a particular

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In the pampas there are numerous troops of wild horses, which, though of less importance than the horned cattle, are not without their uses to the inhabitants; in fact, they furnish the only means of crossing these extensive plains, and consequently, of communicating with the neighbouring countries. The traveller and his guide set off on horseback, driving a troop of these animals before them: when one beast is exhausted, another is secured by means of the lasso; the saddle is changed, the rider mounts and continues his journey, repeating the same operation as often as requisite, till he arrives at his station for the night; here he obtains a fresh troop, and in this manner will travel, for many days in succession, at the rate of 100 or 120 miles a day.

The ass, the sheep, the goat, and the hog, likewise introduced into America, both north and south, by the early European colonists, have not, with the exception of the hog in the United States, increased in the same proportion as the horse and ox. The ass is principally employed in the old Spanish and Portuguese settlements, for the purpose of breeding mules, which are universally employed in transporting the precious metals, and possess all the wonderful sagacity in discovering

and avoiding danger, and all the security of foot, which have, in all ages of the world, rendered this animal so valuable in mountainous countries.

The principal birds of South America are the rhea, or American ostrich, the condor, the king of the vultures, the black vulture, and the turkey-buzzard; and of the eagle family are the Brazilian caracara eagle, the harpy eagle, the most ferocious of its species, the Chilian sea-eagle, and the vulturine caracara eagle, bearing a strong affinity to both the vulture and the eagle; the toucans, various in form, and of superb colouring; parrots, of great variety of size and splendour of plumage; the burrowing owl, blacksmith, or bell-bird, uttering a note like the blow of a hammer upon an anvil, orioles, or hanging-birds, chatterers, manikins, humming-birds, of 100 different species, from the size of a wren to that of a humble-bee; they are more numerous in the tropical regions of Brazil and Guisna than in the other section of the continent; a few species are also found in North America.

The rhea, or American ostrich, is smaller than the African species, and is further distinguished from it by having three toes completely developed on each foot; it is found chiefly on the pampes, or plains, of Buenos Ayres and Patagonia, from the Amazon to the straits of Magellan. This bird imports a lively interest to a ride on the pampas. They are seen sometimes in carrys of twenty or thirty, gliding elegantly along the gentle undulations of the plain, at half pistol-shot distance from each other, like skirmishers. The young are easily domesticated, and soon become attached to those who caress them; but they are troublesome inmates, for, stalking about the house, they will, when full grown, swallow coin, shirt-pins, and every small article of metal within reach. Their usual food, in a wild state, is seeds, herbage, and insects; the flesh is a reddish brown, and, if young, not of bad flavour. A great many eggs are laid in the same nest, which is lined with dry grass. Some accounts have been given which exonerate the estrict from being the most stupid bird in creation. For example, the hen counts her eggs every day. This has been proved by the experiment of taking an egg away, or by putting one in addition. In either case she destroys the whole, by crushing them with her feet. Although she does not attend to secrecy in selecting a situation for her nest, she will forsake it if the eggs have been handled. It is also said that she rolls a few eggs about thirty yards distant from her nest, and cracks the shells, which, by the time her young come forth, being filled with maggots, and covered with insects, form the first repast of her infant brood. The male bird is said to take upon himself the rearing of the young, and to attach more importance to paternal authority than to the favours of his mate. If two cock-birds meet, each with a family, they fight for the supremacy over both; for which reason an cetrich has sometimes under his tutelage broods of different ages.

The condor is of the vulture species, and the largest of terrestrial birds; its vings extend from 9 to 14 feet; it is peculiar to the Andes, and seems to prefer

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the highest points, bordering on the limits of perpetual anow. Although they never attack man, yet they exhibit no fear at his approach. Their food and habits are very similar to those of the bearded vulture of Europe. Two condors will dart upon a deer, or even a heifer, pursuing or wounding it for a long time with their beaks or talons, until their victim sinks: then they immediately seize its tongue, and tear out its eyes. In Quito it is said that the mischief done to cattle by these formidable birds is immense; their general food, however, is carrion, or dead game. The skin of the condor is so thickly clothed with down and feathers, that it is capable of withstanding musket-balls, when not closely fired, and the bird is killed with great difficulty. The king of the vulture is a smaller species than the condor; its wings, from tip to tip, are about six feet: it is remarkable for the variety of its colours, and the bright tints of blue and vermilion which mark

the variety of its colours, and the bright tints of blue and vermilion which mark its saked head and neck; it is occasionally seen as far north as Florida.

The toucans are omnivorous in their habits, feeding both upon animal and vegetable matter. Their enormous bills are light, and being vascular within, admit of a great developement being given to the organs of smell; by this power they discover the nests and eggs of other birds, which they are constantly plundering. The species and varieties of fish are so numerous and so similar in all quarters of the globe, that their geographical distribution is more uniform than that of most other classes. The various fresh-water species of Europe have their representatives in the rivers and lakes of the New World, and the marine tribes which frequent the shores of America are little different from those of the old continent. The species, indeed, may be distinct, but the generic form and characters are invariably the same, or differ only in trifling circumstances. One of the most invariably the same, or differ only in trifling circumstances. One of the most remarkable fish of South America is the gymnotus, or electric eel; it possesses the singular property of stunning its prey by an electrical shock. This eel abounds in the rivers and lakes of the low-lands of Colombia, and is about six feet in length. The electrical shock is conveyed, either through the hand or any metallic conductor which touches the fish; even the angler sometimes receives a shock from them, conveyed along the wetted rod and fishing-line.

The most formidable reptiles of South America are the alligators and serpents: three or four species of the former inhabit the rivers and lakes: of the latter are the boa constrictor, the anaconda, and the abona; they are found chiefly in the swamps and fens of the tropical parts of South America: the latter is said to grow from 20 to 30 feet in length, and as large in bulk as a stout man: it is indifferent as to its prey, and destroys, when hungry, any animal that comes within its reach.

The negroes consider it excellent food. Among the useful reptiles are the turtle, so highly prized by epicures, and the guana lizard, by many considered quite as great a delicacy as the turtle; its flesh is white, tender, and of delicate flavour: they are very nimble, and are hunted by dogs, and, when not wanted for immediate use, are salted and barrelled: they are found both on the continent and among the West Indian Islands. The turtle is found also in the same localities as the guana: it resorts yearly in vast numbers to the islands and shores of the Orinoco, and also to the shores of the islands in the West Indies, to deposit its eggs, which it buries by thousands in the sand, and which are eagerly sought after by the Indiana and negrees, who annually resort to these haunts of the turtle for the

purpose of procuring them.

The Bats are surprisingly numerous and are no doubt powerful instruments to keep within due limits the myriads of flying insects: some, however, live almost entirely upon fruits, while others, like the deadly Vampire of the East, enter the cattle stables, and the houses of men, and suck the blood of both: as their bite is usually in the foot, and never creates pain sufficiently sharp to awaken the person attacked, it has sometimes proved fatal from excessive hemorrhage. The Vampires are consequently much dreaded by the inhabitants, and every precaution is taken to guard against their attacks. Horses and mules are frequently so much weakened by these animals during the night, as to be incapable of travelling.

Of the insect tribes in America, the mosquitoes, though of the most diminutive ise, are unquestionably the greatest scourge of the moist tropical countries, and even in many parts included in the temperate zone. Chigoes is another insect which inhabits the same localities, and is scarcely less to be dreaded than the Mosquito. The diamond beetle is one of the most splendid of insects, and before Brazil was accessible to European travellers, was so rare as to be sold at a very high price. Carnivorous insects, and also such as feed upon dead animal matter are widely dispersed. Ants are the universal removers of all such offensive substances as are too small for the food of Vultures, and the diminutive size of the little agents is amply compensated by the inconceivable myriads of their numbers. The Cochineal is nearly the only insect which has been turned to great commercial account. The Honey-Bee of Europe is unknown, but there are several wild species of this family, whose honeycombs are formed in trees, and much sought after by the natives.

On the discovery of the New World, it was found by the Spaniards in possession of various tribes of Indians, generally of a more gentle and less warlike character, than those which inhabited North America. They were doubtless the same race, but the influence of a softer climate had probably subdued their vigour and courage. With the cross in one hand, and the sword in the other, the ruth-less invaders took possession of the land. Peru, a populous empire and comparatively civilized, was conquered by Pizarro, after a series of treacherous and intrepid acts, scarcely paralleled in the history of mankind. The whole of South America fell into the hands of Europeans: Spain took possession of the Western and Portugal of the Eastern portion. Thus it was arranged into two great politi-

The Indian has only been preserved to any extent in the New World, where he has mingled with the white man and adopted his habits, or where impenetrable unwholesome forests or cold inhospitable regions have protected, or where, in the case of the Araucanos of Chili, his own courage has saved him from extermination. The islands of the West Indies present the singular spectacle of a whole race of people, that has disappeared within the limits of recent and authentic history: their place is occupied by the white man of Europe as the master, and the black of Africa as the slave.

The copper or bronze hae of the skin is, with some slight exceptions, common to almost all the natives of America, upon which the climate, the situation or the mode of living, appear not to exercise the smallest influence. Some of the tribes in Guians are nearly black, though easily distinguished from the negro. The colour of the natives of Brazil and California, is equally deep, although the latter inhabits the temperate zone, and the former lives near the tropics. The natives of New Spain are darker than the Indians of Quito and New Grenada, who inhabit a precisely analogous climate. Those who, in the torrid zone, inhabit the most elevated table-land of the Cordilleras or of the Andes, have a complexion as much copper-coloured as those who cultivate the Banana under a burning sun, in the narrowest and deepest valleys of the equinoctial regions. The Indians who inhabit the mountains are clothed and were so long before the conquest, while the Aborigines that wander on the plains of South America, are perfectly or nearly naked, and consequently are always exposed to the vertical rays of the Sun. These facts show that the colour of the American depends very little on the local situation which he actually occupies; and never in the same individual are those parts of the body that are constantly covered of a fairer colour than those in contact with the air.

In the warmer sections of the continent, the Aborigines live upon fruits or roots: in less genial regions, they are obliged to have recourse to the chase: on the rivers or along the shores of lakes, or on the sea-coasts, they depend on fish as their main article of food. In an emergency the Indians do not scruple to feed on serpents, toads, and lizards, and on the larva of insects, and other disgusting objects. Some roast their meat, others boil it, and not only several savage tribes, but even the civilized Peruvians, eat their flesh raw. The Ottomacs, a tribe near the Orinoco, eat a species of unctuous clay, and the same practice has been found to prevail among some tribes in Brazil, and on the borders of the Arctic Ocean. number of tribes in Brazil, and in the basin of the Orinoco, and some in all parts

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Amongst the aborigines throughout the continent, with some rare exceptions a woman is the slave of the man. She performs all the menial offices, carrier the burdens, cultivates the ground, and in many cases is not allowed to eat or speak in the presence of the other sex. Polygamy is by no means uncommon among the native tribes; but it is often checked by the difficulty of procuring or supporting more than one wife, and some nations do not countenance the practice. Some tribes kill their prisoners; others adopt them into all the privileges of the tribe, and yet others employ them as slaves, in which capacity they are turned over to the women.

The governments of Spain and Portugal, aided by the devout zeal of several religious orders, have supported missions in Mexico, La Plata, Peru, Brazil, and New Grenada, for more than two centuries: most of these have been lately abandoned, in consequence of the recent revolutions in those countries, and seem to have left no traces of their existence. A few friers, or pricets, settled among the savages, instructed them in the forms of the Roman Catholic religion, and taught them some of the more useful arts; but these establishments were generally modelled upon the plan of the Peruvian theoracy; the converts were generally modelled upon the plan of the Peruvian theoracy; the converts were kept under a complete state of tutelage; the produce of their labour became the common property of the community, which was managed by their religious fathers, and no progress was made in establishing an independent, self-sustaining social system. South America contains the following political divisions. The republics of New Grenada, Venezuela, and Equador, or Equator, comprise what constituted, until 1831 the Peruville of Colombia they country the contract of the continued.

The colonies of Guiana, belonging to Great Britain, France, and Holland, are in the north-east. The empire of Brazil, the most extensive and populous of all the South American states, extends over the central, and more than one-half of the eastern, section of the southern continent. West of Brazil is the republic of Bolivia (formerly known as Upper Peru), and those of Peru and South Peru. The regions forming the territory of these states were once all comprehended under the general name of Peru. Southward of these, and along the western coast, ex-tends the republic of Chili. Eastward of Chili, and occupying mostly the central parts of the continent, is the republic of Buenos Ayres, known also as the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata, and likewise as the Argentine Republic. Between Buenos Ayres and Brazil is situated the dictatorship of Paraguay, and the Republic Oriental de l'Uruguay, commonly called Uruguay: it was also formerly known by the several names of Montevideo, the Banda Oriental, and the Cisplatine Republic. The most southern part of South America is Patagonia, including Tierra del Fuego. These regions are entirely occupied by native tribes, and are very little known.

The estimates of the areas and population of all the above-mentioned territo-ries are very uncertain, and but little reliance is to be placed on them. Authorities often differ very much, and in general they are but conjectural. The following statement agrees with the more moderate computations, and might probably be increased to the extent of a million, or even a million and a half, without extravagance.

Area in Square miles.	Population.
New Grenada 380,000	1,687,100
Venezuela 425,000	900,000
Equador 130,000	600,000
Guiana	190,540
Brazil 3,000,000	5,000,000
Peru 605,000	1,500,000
Bolivia 400,000	1,716,000
Buenos Ayres 860,000	700,000
Paraguay 89,000	300,000
Uruguay 92,000	150,000
Chili 172,000	1,500,000
Patugonia 320,000	30,000
Total 6,587,000	14,273,640

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Cozoneza is the name given to the extensive territory of an independent state, which took the lead among the newly-formed republics in what was formerly Spanish South America. Recent changes have subdivided it into three portions, which have assumed the appellations of New Grenada, Venezuela, and the Equador; but it is still convenient to give its physical features under the general ap-

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Colombia, in its general outline, occupies nearly the whole north and north-western part of South America, and comprehends the two governments included by the Spaniards under the names of the viceroyalty of New Grenada, comprising Quito, and the captaincy-general of the Caraccas, or Venezuela, including Spanish Guiana. It is bounded on the north by the great gulf of the Atlantic, which is enclosed between its shore and the long chain of the West India islands, commonly called the Caribbean Sea. On this side also a narrow land boundary connects it with Guatemala, but its limits on that side are unsettled.

On the west it stretches along the boundless expanse of the Pacific, from the vicinity of the Gulf of Dulce on the north, to the River Tumbez on the south: thence it is divided from Peru by an irregular south-easterly line extending to the Javari River. By that stream, part of the Amazon River, and a nominal line extending first north, and then east, it is separated from Brazil; and by the latter boundary, continued in a northerly course to the mouth of the Orinoco, it is divided from Guiana. The outline of this great region is probably not less than 6500 miles. It is in extent from north to south about 1400, and from east to west

The surface of Colombia, its mountains and plains, are of the most varied character, and on the most majestic scale, presenting forms and phenomena the most grand and awful that are to be found on the globe. The summits of the Andes have ceased, indeed, to rank as the very loftiest on earth. The Himmaleh, the mountain boundary of Hindoostan, is not only higher, but presents, perhaps, a grander continuity of unbroken and gigantic steeps. But, ascending from the low country by a series of tabular plains and broad valleys, it presents at no single point any very astonishing elevation. It has nothing to resemble those solitary gigantic cones, which, in the Colombian cordillers, shoot up towards the aky, and even under the burning influence of the equator remain buried to a great depth in perpetual snow. Chimborazo, the giant of the west, stands yet unscaled by mortal foot. Humboldt and his companions made extraordinary exertions to reach its summit, and arrived at about 2000 feet from that point, then believed to be the greatest elevation ever attained by man. They were enveloped in thick fogs, and in an atmosphere of the most piercing cold; they breathed with difficulty, and blool burst from the eyes and lips. The form of the mountain, which is that of a truncated cone, appears everywhere sublime, but peculiarly so from the coast of the Pacific at nearly 200 miles distance, whence it resembles an enormous semitransparent dome defined by the deep azure of the sky; dim, yet too decided in outline to be mistaken for a cloud. The height is 21,440 feet. Antisana, though only 19,000 feet, is remarkable for having a village on its side at the height of 13,500 feet, once believed the highest inhabited spot on the globe.

The most tremendous volcanoes in the world are those which burst from this mountain range. Cotopaxi is the most formidable in the Andes, and, indeed, on the globe. This mountain is 18,898 feet high, consequently more elevated than Vesuvius would be if placed on the top of Teneriffe. In the course of the last century, it had five great eruptions, and one in 1808. In some of these it has been averred that Cotopaxi was heard at the distance of 600 miles, and that on the coast of the Pacific, at 140 miles distance, it sounded like thunder, or like the discharge of a continuous battery of cannon. From this and the other South

American craters are ejected not only the usual volcanic substances, but torrents of boiling water and mud, often containing great quantities of dead fishes. Sometimes, after successive eruptions, the undermined walls of the mountain fall in, and become a mass of tremendous ruin. Such was the fate of El Altai, which once reared its head above Chimborazo, and of another very lofty volcano, which,

in 1698, fell with a similar crash.

The general range of the Andes, as it passes through Colombia, is divided in the north into three parallel chains, of which the eastern has between it and the middle chain the plain of Santa Fé de Bogotá, and some others, which constitute the most valuable part of New Grenada. Farther south, these chains unite into two, of which the most elevated, comprising all the highest volcanic summits, is on the western side, facing the expanse of the Pacific. Between it and the parallol chain is interposed the table plain of Quito, about twenty miles in breadth, and of the most surpassing richness and beauty. To the east also the Andes throw out a chain, called the chain of Venezuela, which runs parallel to the sea along the coast of Caraccas, as far as Cumana, leaving along the shore a plain rich in the most valuable tropical productions.

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The Llanes form another extensive portion of the Colombian territory, commencing where the mountain ranges terminate, and reaching east and south to the Orinoco. They consist of immense flats, covered with magnificent forests and vast savannahs, in which the grass often grows above the human height, covering from view both man and horse. A great extent is inundated by the Orinoco and its large tributaries. The soil is fertile in the extreme; but the unhealthiness of

the climate deters settlers who are not urged by extreme necessity.

Among its rivers, Colombia may rank several, the greatest both of the Old and the New World. She sets one foot, as it were, on the Amazon: but that river, being scarcely accessible, and the country near it occupied only by a few scattered missions from Peru, cannot be considered, in any practical sense, as Colombian. The same observation may almost apply to its great tributaries, the Napo, the Ica, or Putumayo, and the Japura, or Caqueta, which descend to it from the Andes of Quito. The secondary but still immense stream of the Orinoco rises in the southern part of the mountains of Parimé, and, winding round them, flows first west, then north, till it takes its final course eastward to the Atlantic. It enters that ocean by a delta of about fifty channels, and after a course of 1380 miles.

From the boundless expanse of the Llanos, the Orinoco receives several mighty rivers that have their sources in the Andes,—the Guaviare, the Meta, and the Apuré; the last of which, flowing through the plains of Venezuela, and drawing its waters from the coast chain, is alone very important in a commercial view. These shores may in future ages become the magnificent seats of empire, but at present they are overgrown with forests and thickets, peopled only by wandering Caribe, and presenting but a few scattered missions and settlements. The really useful streams are those of smaller dimensions, which, running like long canals between the mountain chains, bring down the products of those high valleys, at present the only cultivated part of Colombia. The Magdalena, the largest and most commodious of these streams, has a course of more than 500 miles between the eastern and middle chain of the Cordilleras, affording to the plain of Santa Fé a communication with the sea. The Cauca runs between the middle and western chain; and, after a course of nearly equal length, joins the Magdalena before it falls into the sea near Carthagena. The Magdalena is throughout navigable, though the voyage is rendered painful by the heat and the myriads of insects. The navigation of the Cauca is by no means so good. To the south, the still smaller rivers of Esmeraldas and of Guayaquil afford to the republic of the Equador an important means of communicating with the Pacific Ocean.

There are scarcely any lakes of importance. We must except, however, that

of Maracaybo, which, though it communicates with the sea, yet, unless in strong winds blowing from thence, preserves its waters fresh and unmixed. There are also dispersed throughout the territory various little collections of water on the

icelivities of hills, and others formed by the expansions of rivers.

The constitution of Colombia was formed in a congress assembled at Cucuts, on

the 18th July, 1821. Another had been framed, two years before, at Santo Tomé, but only for the province of Venezuela, which, after some resistance, was obliged to yield its claim to the superior power and population of New Grenada. The basis j_diciously taken was that of the United States of North America, and the alterations are even such as to give it somewhat less of a democratic character. The legislative power was vested in a congress, consisting of two bodies, the senate and the house of representatives. The executive was vested in a president and vice-president, the former of whom was elected for sur, and could not continue in office for a consecutive period of more than eight years. Neither he nor any of the ministers could be members of the congress. His salary was fixed at 30,000 dollars, and that of the vice-president at 16,000 dollars per annum. The constitutions of the three steers nearly formed from the forwant of Consecutive for the constitutions of the three steers nearly formed from the forwant of Consecutive for the consecutive of the consecutive for the consecutive of the consecutive for
The constitutions of the three states newly formed from the fragments of Colombia, are, with some variations, the same as that of Cucuta. Attempts have been made to unite them into a confederacy, which should manage their foreign relations; but the project has never succeeded, and seems now to be abandoned.

The Colombian debt, due to British capitalists, amounts to \$6,650,000; it has been recognised, by the new States, as a common burden, to be paid as soon as their ability will permit. New Grenada has appropriated one eighth of the custom duties, as well as the surplus revenue, the national profits from tobacco, and the sale of the national lands, towards extinguishing its share of the debt.

The territory of Colombia is chiefly distinguished by its vast capacities for improvement, which are developed only in a very imperfect degree. The soil is as various as the states that compose the territory. New Grenada, though a mountainous country, is fertile in all kinds of grain and fruit, and such are the natural resources of this part of South America, that, if its inhabitants were active and industrious, it might become one of the richest and most important countries in

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Agriculture in this country, beyond any other in Spanish America, or perhaps in the world, is capable of supplying in the utmost variety the richest productions of the vegetable kingdom. That which chiefly distinguishes it is the cacao, a fruit at once palatable and nutritious, which in the country yields an article of food, and in Europe forms the basis of the chocolate. The cacao of Caraccas is generally reckoned the best in the world. The produce is in value nearly 5,000,000 The tobacco of Caraccas is much superior to that of Virginia, yielding only to that of Cuba and the Rio Negro. Quinquina, or Jesuit's bark, one of the most valuable articles in the materia medica, is now the produce almost exclusively of Colombia. Coffee, cotton, and sugar, find all most favourable soils. Indigo was once a very important article, being exported from Caraccas, in the most prosperous times, to the value of 1,000,000 dollars; but it has much declined, and is produced now only in the plain of Varinas. Wheat and other European grain find favourable situations, especially on the table-lands of Bogota; but as these have not the extent of those of Mexico, the wheat is neither so good nor so abundant; and Colombia cannot dispense with a large import of American flour. The banana grows in spontaneous abundance. The agriculture of these states appears to be still conducted in that indolent and slovenly manner usual where land is cheap and a market distant. The government has lately sought to promote the clearing of waste lands, by disposing of them at a very low rate, and by setting aside two millions of fanegas for foreigners who may be disposed to settle and bring them under cultivation.

The mines of New Grenada have been a subject of brilliant and perhaps romantic expectations. Humboldt observes, that nothing can be more fallacious than the external appearance of rocks and veins, and that, till regular shafts and galleries have been formed, no certainty can be attained. The only important product as yet is gold obtained by as yet is gold, obtained by washing the earth and send in the provinces of Chocé, Popayan, and Antioquia. There are indications of various minerals in different quarters. The silver mines of Marquetores, and those called the mountain mines, and the higher and lower mines in the province of Pamplona, are said by Torrente to be so rich that they generally yield two marks of silver per quintal: there are also mines of copper and lead, others of emeralds, which have given name to the

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province of Muzo, and the valley of Tunja, noted also for its sapphires and other precious stones, and yielding in some places cinnabar and mercury. In the mountains of Antioquia and Guamoro there are diamonds, though of small size, hyaciuths, fine garnets in great abundance, excellent pearls in the Rio Hacha, ame-thysts in Timasco, turquoises in the districts of Pamplons, Suza, and Anserma. There are also rich mines in the district of Choco; but some of these were neglected in the more general search for platina. From the year 1900 to 1810 were coined in New Grenada 27,350,000 dollars, and from 1810 to 1820, 20,000,000, or 2,000,000 annually.

In Santa Martha there are mines of gold, silver, and precious stones, and some In Santa Martha there are mines of gold, silver, and precious stones, and some rich salt-works. The province of Quito yields gold, silver, copper, quicksilver, topazes, amethysts, emeralds, rock-crystal, and very fine marble; in Venezuela is found tin, and also rock-crystal, with lapis lazuli, not much inferior to the celebrated ultramarine. The copper mines yielded in one year 1500 quintals of excellent quality. Time only can discover whether the rest will pay the expense of working. The salt mine of Zichaquira, glittering like an immense rock of crystal, has yielded a revenue of 150,000 dollars a year. It is not the only one; and the mineral finds a ready market in the country. The pearls of Panama and the Rio Hacha, which were once obtained to the value of half a million annually, do not now yield more than 180,000 dollars a year.

Manufacturing industry can scarcely be said to exist. The leather of Carora, the hammocks of Margarita Island, and the blankets of Tocuyo, are objects of

the hammocks of Margarita Island, and the blankets of Tocuyo, are objects of little importance, even in respect to internal consumption.

Commerce, in consequence of the very circumstance last mentioned, has a peculiar activity. From the total want of manufactures, almost the whole population must be clothed in foreign fabrics. In 1834 the exports of Venezuela, consisting of coffee, cacao, and indigo, with hides, saresparilla, and sugar, amounted to 3,394,483 dollars. The imports to 3,269,411 dollars. The ports of Laguayra, Rio de Hacha, Santa Martha, Carthagena, Chagres, Puerto Cabello, Panama, and Guayaquill, are these most frequented by foreign traders.

Trade is understood to be on the whole in a prosperous state. The internal traffic will one day probably be immense, upon the Orinoco, the Apure, the Meta, and by the Cassiquiare, with the Rio Negro and the Amazons; but all the regions watered by these mighty rivers are as yet little better than deserts. The cataracts also of Atures and Maypures prevent navigation from being carried much above the lowest bend of the Orinoco.

The population of Colombia cannot be computed with any precision from existing data. Venezuela, in 1834, according to official statements, had 900,000; that of New Grenada was ascertained by a census of that year to be 1,687,100; and the republic of the Equador is estimated to contain about 600,000 souls, making an aggregate of 8,187,100. The following table shows the relative proportion of the different races:-

Maril my 180.	Venezuela.	New Grenad	a	Foundor.	Total.	
Whites	200,000	 1,058,000	*****	157,000	 1,415,000	
Indians	207,000	 376,050		393,000		
Free Coloured	433,000	 168,700		42,000		
Blaves	60,000	 84,350		8,000	 152,350	
Totals	900,000	 1.687,100		600,000	 3.187,100	

The character of the Colombians is, probably, much influenced by the sudden transition from a depressing despotism to an extreme degree of liberty. They retain much of the gravity, temperance, and sobriety of the Spaniards, with a share of their pride, suspicious temper, and neglect of cleanliness. A courtesy somewhat stately and studied prevails in their demeanour. It is not easy to gain their confidence; but when that is once obtained, they are extremely friendly and cordial. They are hospitable to foreigners, whom, from national pride, however, they

regard with secret jealousy.

The great mass of the Colombians was kept in the most profound ignorance during the three centuries of Spanish government. Four-fifths of the inhabitants,

comprehending the Indians, slaves, artisans, and labourers, did not even learn to read or write; and the children even of the more opulent classes were may taught reading, writing, and arithmetic. Some, however, pursued their studies in the colleges, in order to fit themselves for the only employments to which the creoles could aspire, those of clergymen and lawyers. There were universities or colleges at Caraccas, Bogotá, and Quito; but the whole system of education was extremely defective, and the scholars remained ignorant of the actual state of actence and philosophy in Europe. Of late years, great progress has been made in all the departments of knowledge; free ingress of books from all quarters, the establishment of newspapers and journals, and the liberty of the press which power ists, have greatly tended to enlighten the community.

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The religion is as yet exclusively the Roman Catholic, and its ceremonies are observed with the strictest punctuality. The parish priests rule in the villages with almost absolute sway; but their influence, uniting together the different classes and sexes, is considered on the whole advantageous. Many of the young men who have had more enlarged means of information, have begun to discard the Catholic creed; but a general scepticism, rather than any rational system of religion, seems to have taken the place of their ancient faith.

The reces are as numerous and as variously crossed as in Mexico. The negro maintains his place in the scale of humanity; and the mulattoes Paez and Padilla have ranked among the foremost of the heroes who achieved the national independence.

Of the native Indian tribes within this territory, the Caribs are the ruling people. No nation in the world is stamped with a deeper brand of ferocity, the very name, converted into cannibals, being applied to signify devourers of human fiesh. The charge appears to have been greatly exaggerated by the Spaniards, who certainly met with a most fierce resistance, and sought by this allegation to justify the system of enslaving and exterminating the savage tribes. They were supposed to have been exterminated, but it has been lately ascertained that there must be still about 40,000 of pure and unmixed blood. They are a fine tall race, whose figures, of a reddish copper colour, with their picturesque drapery, resemble antique statues of bronze. They shave great part of the forehead, which gives them somewhat the appearance of monks; they wear only a tuft on the crown. They have dark intelligent eyes, a gravity in their manners, and in their features an expression of severity, and even of sadness.

The amusements of Colombia are chiefly borrowed from the mother-country. Dancing is passionately followed in the several forms of the fandango, the bolero, and the Spanish country-dance. Bull and cock fighting are equally favourities sports, and tend to keep alive that ferocity which is the main blemish in the moral character of the Spaniards.

NEW GRENADA.

The new states which have been formed by the division of the former republic of Colombia are, Venezuela, in the east; New Grenada, in the north and centre; and Equador or Equator, in the south-west.

New Grenada, comprising the ancient viceroyalty of that name, extends from 2° S. to 12° N. lat., and from 65° to 83° W. long., over an area of 380,000 square miles. It is the most populous and powerful of the Colombian republics; its population by a census of 1835 was 1,687,100. It is divided into five departments, which are subdivided into eighteen provinces.

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Isthmus	Panamá	. 10,800
Magdalena	Carthagena	. 18,000
Boyaca	Tunia	, 400
Condinamarca	Bogotá	30,000
Cauca	Popayan	. 25,000

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Bogotá, the capital of New Grenada, is situated on a table plain, 50 miles by 25, and 8000 feet above the level of the sea. This plain, though under the line, has the climate of Britain, and even of Scotland, though without the change of seasons, the perpetual temperature being that of spring or autumn, and the thermometer seldom falling below 47° or rising above 70°. The only alternation is formed by the wet seasons, which are two: the first comprehending March, April, and May; the second, September, October, and November; and these, being colder than the others, make two winters and two summers. The surrounding plain is excessively fertile, fine, and fruitful, yielding two crops in the year of the best European grain. It is hemmed in by lofty mountains, rugged precipices, roaring forrents, and frightful a 'yeses. The city of Bogotá itself is enclosed in a grand mountain circuit, cliffs of 1000 feet rising immediately above it. The city was founded in 1538, by Quesada, and rapidly increased: it is now supposed to contain 30,000 inhabitants. Its streets and squares are open and spacious, but the houses are generally heavy and old-fashioned; and even the late palace of the viceroy displays little magnificence. The beauty of the city rests wholly on its ecclesiastical edifices, which consist of twenty-six churches and twelve convents. Many of the former are not only splendid, but built with some taste; and their numerous spires, amid the grandeur of the surrounding scenery, give it a very fine appearance. It contains an university and archiepiscopal see, and carries on a considerable trade in cotton goods, hides, and grain.

The scenery of the plain of Bogotá is marked by many striking and picturesque

The scenery of the plain of Bogotá is marked by many striking and picturesque features. Among these are particularly conspicuous the Fall of Tequendama and the natural bridges of Icononzo. The first is formed by the river Bogotá. Its mass of waters, previously spread to a considerable breadth, are contracted to forty feet, and dashed down a precipice 650 feet high, into an almost fathomless abyss. The bridge of Icononzo is a natural arch across a chasm 360 feet deep, at the bottom of which flows a rapid torrent, which would have been otherwise

impassable.

Honda, the port of Bogotá, is situated on the Magdalena river, about 55 miles N. W. from the capital: it has considerable trade, with a population of about 10,000 inhabitants. The town has some good buildings, the climate is hot but not unhealthy, and the banks of the river are infested with mosquitoes.

Popayan is a handsome city, built more regularly and elegantly than Santa Fé, and inhabited by many opulent merchants, who have suffered severely by the revolution. Its site, on the river Cauca, is picturesque; the climate delicious, notwithstanding the frequent rains and tempests. It enjoys a considerable trade in European merchandise, which it receives from Carthagena, and distributes to Quito and other neighbouring districts, together with the products of its fertile soil. Above it rises the volcano of Purace, continually emitting flames, unless when obstructed by the substances thrown out by itself, in which case Indians are employed to clear it, lest the subterraneous flame should produce earthquake. From its summit a river descends to Popayan, so impregnated with acid substances, that the Spaniards call it Vinagre. Cali is a clean and well-built town, in a delightful situation; and the inhabitants have attained considerable properity by exporting tobacco and other produce of the interior. Lower down the river is Cartago, in a situation which the cold blasts from the snowy mountains would render inclement, were it not sheltered by a ridge of lower hills. The surrounding country contains many valuable mines, and would be most rich in cacao, coffee, sugar, and all tropical productions, if cultivators and a market could be found. Pasto is a considerable town, and the inhabitants manufacture a peculiar species of cabinet-work of considerable elegance. It is surrounded by volcanoes, and is accessible only through rugged and narrow passes. Previous to 1834, when it was destroyed by an earthquake, its population amounted to 10,000.

canoes, and is accessible only through rugged and narrow passes. Previous to 1834, when it was destroyed by an earthquake, its population amounted to 10,000. Carthagena, long considered by the Spaniards as the bulwark of their possessions in America, equally noted for the successful attacks of Drake and the buccaneers, and for the disastrous failure of Vernon in 1741, has lost much of its former importance. The firtifications are considerably decayed, yet it is the chief arsenal of the republic. The packet-boats, which maintain the intercourse

with Europe and the United States, sail to and from Carthagena; and it absorbs most of the commerce of the Magdalena and its tributaries. It stands on a low, sandy point in the delta of the former river, and notwithstanding there are some handsome churches and convents, it has on the whole a gloomy aspect. Its population is supposed to amount to about 18,000. Turbaco, a little Indian village in the vicinity, to which the wealthy Carthaginians retire in the hot season, is dis-tinguished by the curious phenomenon of the volcancitos (little volcances), con-sisting of about 20 cones, from 20 to 25 feet high, whence issue constant erup-tions of gas, sometimes accompanied with mud and water. Tolu, in a rich vegetable district of this province, is noted for the balsam bearing its name. Mompox, in the province of the same name, derives some importance from its population of 10,000 souls. Ocaña, a village higher up in the same province, was the seat of a congress in 1828. Rio Hacha is a small town with a harbour, and once the seat of a pearl fishery, which never proved very successful. Farther west is Santa Martha, situated in a country pervaded by a detached range of lofty mountry. tains. It has a good harbour, is strongly fortified, and carries on considerable

trade. Its population is about 6,000 souls.

The city of Tunja was the Indian capital of Cundinamarca, and continued, even under the Spaniards, to be a rich place, till it was superseded by Santa Fé. Sogamozo was a celebrated place of Indian pilgrimage, and contained a temple of the Sun. The town of Socorra is rudely built, but contains 12,000 inhabitants, busily employed in coarse cotton fabrics. Pamplona is a considerable and pleasant town in a lofty situation. Rosario de Cucuta, farther north, is remarkable for the session of the constituent congress in 1821. Casanare, 190 miles N. E. from Bogotá on the river of the same name, forms the medium by which the provinces on the Magdalena communicate with the Llanos and the coast of Caraccas; under the old régime the influence of the merchants of Carthagona caused it to be shut up, in order to secure their own monopoly of the Santa Fé trade; but as such absurd restrictions are now abolished, the Casanare may become an impor-

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Panamá and Porto Bello, on the opposite sides of the isthmus, bore a great name in America, when they were the exclusive channel by which the wealth of Peru was conveyed to the mother-country. Now, when both that wealth is diminished, and a great part of it is transported round Cape Horn, their consequence has much declined. Yet Panama, on the coast of the Pacific, is still a fortified place, and carries on some trade. It contains a beautiful cathedral, four monasteries, now deserted, and other large buildings, and maintains a population of 10,900. Porto Bello, so called from its fine harbour, is in a state of decay, and its pestilential climate has given it the name of the grave of Europeans. is now inhabited only by a few negroes and mulattoes, the whole population not exceeding 1200. Here was once held the richest fair in America, but its trade is now chiefly removed to Chagres, a miserable little town with 1000 inhabitants.

The usual routes across the isthmus are from Porto Beilo and Chagres to Panamá; but the harbour of Chagres is not good, and does not admit vessels of more than twelve feet draft, and the climate of Porto Bello is so fatal that no white man can remain there more than a few weeks, and even negroes suffer

from its effects.

There have been, from time to time, various projects for the construction of a canal, or a rail-road, so as to unite the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, at this narrow neck of land. But the political state of the country is as yet somewhat unsettled; and hence capitalists are deterred from advancing the necessary funds. At some more propitious period, when affairs shall be permanently tranquillized, doubtless

such a communication will be opened.

Near Cape San Blas is a fishery of pearls and turtle; the former carried on by an English company to little advantage, the latter affording profitable employment to about 120 individuals, who drive a trade in the flesh, oil, and shell of the turtles. Chorrers, ten miles from Panama, has 4000 inhabitants. Santiago is a place of some consequence, with 5000 inhabitants. Nata in the same province has a population of 4000.

VENEZUELA.

TEE republic of Venezuela, consisting of the former captaincy-general of Caraccas, to which was attached the extensive tract known under the name of Spanish Guiana, extends from the Orinoco to the Gulf of Venezuela. It stretches over an area of 425,000 square miles, lying between 60° to 72° W. long., and 2° S. and 13° N. lat. It is divided into four departments, which are subdivided into 12 provinces, with a population estimated at about 900,000.

Departments. 1-3 10 100	Capitals, 19 Santa 1951.	Population.
Orinoso	Varinas	3,000
Maturin	Cumana	10,000
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Venezuela bears a completely opposite aspect to the two former divisions. While they consist of the declivities and valleys of the loftiest Andes, Venezuela forms a plain of immense extent, reaching westward to and beyond the Orinoco. This region is divided into three parts, distinguished by the most marked contrasts both natural and social. The first consists of the forest territory beyond the Orinoco. It exists in an entirely unsubdued and savage state, peopled by the Cariba and other tribes, who roam from place to place, and wage almost continual war with each other. A few only have been formed by the missionaries into reductions, and inured to the habits of civilized life. The second part consists of the Llanes; boundless plains, where the eye, in the compass of a wide horizon, often does not discover an eminence of six feet high. Like the Pampas of La Plata, they are covered with the most luxuriant pastures, on which it is estimated 1,200,000 oxen, 180,000 horses, and 90,000 mules are fed. Some of the great proprietors possess 14,000 head of cattle. The export of the hides of these animals forms one of the principal branches of the commerce of Venezuela. The third division, consisting of a coast about 600 miles long, and the territory immediately adjoining to it, includes all that exhibits any degree of culture or civilization, Here the West India products, and particularly cacao of superior quality, are cultivated to a considerable extent; and a trade is carried on, which, though interrupted by the revolutionary war and other calamities, is likely, in periods of tranquillity, to be revived and extended.

Caraccas, situated a few miles from the coast, has always been the capital of Venesuela, and previous to 1812 was a very large city, containing above 40,000 inhabitants. On the 26th of March, it was overthrown by one of the most deadful earthquakes recorded in either hemisphere. After four in the evening, two successive shocks were felt, during which the ground was in continual undulation, and heaved like a fluid in a state of ebullition. The danger was then thought to be over, when a subterranean noise was heard, like the rolling of loud thunder; it was followed by two shocks, one perpendicular and one undulatory, so tremendous, that in a few seconds the whole city was in ruins. Several of the loftiest churches fell, burying 3000 or 4000 of the inhabitants, and they were so completely destroyed, that none of the fragments were more than five or six feet above the ground. Nearly 10,000 persons perished on the spot, besides many more who died afterwards, in consequence of wounds and privations. The agitation of the revolutionary contest obstructed the revival of Caraccas, and in 1830 it did not contain above 23,000 inhabitants. The city is finely situated, in a valley between the sea and the lofty mountain of the Silla, whose two peaks rise to the height of nearly 9000 feet. The cathedral is spacious, but massive and heavy. Alta Gracia, its most elegant church, was overthrown by the earthquake. There is an university, on a very large scale, though the objects of instruction are somewhat dealers.

La Guayra, about twelve miles from Caraccas, of which it is the port, notwithstanding its unhealthy climate and bad harbour, is the seat of a very considerable great proud are at the him 160 vered ments the w

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Several large cities occur on the long line of coast which extends westward from Caraccas. Valencia flourishes in consequence of the fine interior territory, the trade of which is conducted through it, whence it is supposed to maintain a population of about 15,000. Its port, about ten leagues distant, called Puerto Osbello, has an admirable harbour, but is extremely unhealthy.

Coro, once the capital of Venezuela, having lost that distinction and a great part of its trade, is now much decayed. Maracaybo, happily situated at the junction between a bay and a large lake reaching far into the interior, early became a great city. It contains many descendants of the early conquerors, who live in proud indolence: the rest of the inhabitants gain wealth by traffic; and the whole are supposed to be nearly 20,000. Truxillo, in a fine country near the head of the lake, early became one of the most flourishing cities in America; but being, in 1678, plundered and reduced to ashes by Gramont the buccaneer, it has recovered only in so far as to be a tolerable country town, though presenting monuments of its former importance. It is almost rivalled by Merida, a neat town to the west of it.

Some considerable cities occur on the coast to the east of Caraccas.

Cumana is situated on an extensive and fertile plain on the Gulf of Cariaco, bounded by a curtain of rude mountains covered by luxuriant forests. Numerous herds run wild on its savannahs, and in the plain on the coast very fine tobacco is cultivated. It has a very spacious and noble harbour, and the gulf on which it is situated affords good anchorage. Mules, cattle, and provisions are exported to the West Indies; but there is no longer room for the very large contraband which prevailed when the Spanish Maín was generally closed against Britain. The inhabitants, formerly reckoned at 18,000, do not probably now much exceed 10,000. Cumana has suffered dreadfully by earthquakes: that of 1766 laid it completely in ruins; hence it contains no lofty or important edifice. New Barcelona, to the westward, on an extensive plain overrun by wild cattle, carries on a similar trade, which supports a population of about 5000.

In the island of Margarita is the little town of Pampatar, which has been declared a free port.

The great plains in the interior of Venezuela and on the Orinoco, possessing neither manufactures nor commerce, cannot contain cities of any magnitude. Yet Varinas was reckoned a neat and handsome place, and, notwithstanding severe losses during the revolutionary war, has still 3000 inhabitants. San Fernando derives some importance from the commerce of the Apure, on which it is situated. Angostura, the only city yet founded on the Orinoco, notwithstanding recent losses, is still about equal to Varinas, and is the seat of a bishop and a college. It was in this region that report placed the fabulous El Dorado, the golden kingdom of Manoa, which was the object of so many expeditions in the 16th century. Here, it was asserted, there were more splendid cities and greater abundance of gold, than even the wealthy Peru could boast; and as late as 1780, a large party of Spaniards perished in search of this imaginary region.

REPUBLIC OF THE EQUADOR, OR EQUATOR.

The republic of the Equador, comprising the old Spanish presidency of Quito, which was annexed to the viceroyalty of New Grenada in 1718, extends from 67° W. lon, on the Amazon, to the Pacific, and from 7° S. to 2° N. lat. On the Pacific it occupies the coast from the Mira to the Tumber; its superficial area is about 130,000 square miles. The republic is divided into three departments, which are subdivided into eight provinces, and has a population of about 600,000.

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Departments	Capitals.	Population.
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Guayaquil	Guayaquil	20,000
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The department of the Equador forms the finest table plain in all America. It has an average breadth of about thirty miles, enclosed between two parallel ranges of the loftiest Andes. In soil and climate, it possesses a felicity almost approaching to that which fable has ascribed to the golden age. The climate is that of a perpetual spring, at once benign and equal, and even during the four months of rain, the mornings and evenings are clear and beautiful. Vegetation never ceases; the country is called the evergreen Quito; the trees and meadows are crowned with perpetual verdure. The European sees with astonishment the plough and the sickle at once in equal activity; herbs of the same species here fading through age, there beginning to bud; one flower drooping, and its sister unfolding its beauties to the sun. Standing on an eminence, the spectator views the tints of spring, summer, and autumn, all blended. But the feature which renders the view from Quito the most enchanting, perhaps, that the eye ever beheld, is that above this beautiful valley, and resting, as it were, on its verdant hills, there rise all the loftiest volcanic cones of the Andes. From one point of view, eleven may be discovered, clad in perpetual snow.

The productions of Quito are equally various as at Santa Fé, all gradations of climate occurring in a similar proximity; but the most valuable are those of the

temperate climates; grain, fruits, and rich pasturage.

Quito, leaning, as it were, on the side of Pichincha, more than 9000 feet above the sea, is one of the finest and largest cities in the New World. It has four streets, broad, handsome, and well paved, and three spacious squares, in which the principal convents and dwelling-houses are situated; but the rest, extending up the sides of Pichincha, are crooked and irregular. The churches and convents are built with great magnificence and even some taste. The most elegant is the college formerly belonging to the Jesuits, finely adorned with Corinthian pillars, and wreaths of flowers executed in stone. The convent of San Francisco is of vast extent, and has a massive yet neat façade of the Tuecan order. Quito has two universities, which are numerously attended and carefully conducted; and it is considered comparatively as a sort of South American Athena. The inhabit-ants are gay, volatile, hospitable, and courteous. Quito is noted for its viands, particularly ices, confectionary, maize, and potato cakes. Vast quantities of cheese are consumed, mixed with pumpkins, gourds, pulse, and other vegetables. The population is about 70,000, of which only one-sixth are whites, the mestizes a third, Indians a third, and the rest negroes.

Latacunga, 50 miles south from Quito, is a place of some importance, with 16,000 inhabitants. Riobambo, 90 miles south of Quito, is a large and handsome

The streets are wide and straight, the buildings of stone and morter, but low on account of earthquakes. It has several manufactories of cloth, baizes, &c. The town has been twice (in the years 1696 and 1746) almost ruined by eruptions from Mount Chimborazo. Population 20,000.

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Cuenca, 150 miles south of Quito, is a town of 20,000 inhabitants. The streets are straight and broad, and the houses mostly built of adobes, or unburnt bricks. The environs are fertile and pleasant.

Loxa is a small town, with a population of 8 or 9000 inhabitants: in its vicinity is produced in large quantities the celebrated quinine bark, or cascarilla de Loja. It is south of Cuenca about 80 miles.

Otavalo has from 15 to 20,000 inhabitants, with some manufactures of cotton goods: the country in its vicinity is well adapted for pasturage, and abounds in cattle; large quantities of cheese are also made in the neighbourhood. It is northeast of Quito.

Ibarra, or St. Mignel d'Ibarra, is a neat town, with a large and handsome church, also a college, several convents, &c. Population 10 or 12,000. Ibarra is situated north-east of Quito about 50 miles.

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Deme to the D tain, and 400 mile 20,000 inhabitants, and is one of the most flourishing commercial cities in South America. Its dockyard is particularly extensive. It produced one ship of 700 tons: very commonly vessels of 300 or 400 tons are built there: but it is chiefly noted for schooners of 150 to 200 tons. The houses stand in fine picturesque confusion, along the sides and the top of a hill: they are handsome and commodious; but none of the public edifices are very splendid. The animal food is not of very good quality, but nowhere does there exist a finer fruit market; the plantain is supposed to be more esteemed and eaten than in any other place. Gusyaquil, like Egypt, has its plagues. The air swarms with measuatoes and other flies still more tormenting; the ground teems with snakes, centipedes, and other reptiles, whose lieved to be mortal, a belief which seems quite chimerical, but which greatly harasses the citizens. The ants cannot be prevented from filling even the dishes: and sometimes, when a tart is cut up, they are seen running off in all directions, leaving the interior a void. Lastly, the shores are crowded with alligators, whose number cannot, by the utmost exertion, be kept within any tolerable limits. The beauty of the ladies of Gusyaquil is celebrated throughout all America: they have complexions as fair as any European, with blue eyes and light hair. They have complexions as fair as any European, with blue eyes and light hair. They have

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also an agreeable gaiety, joined to a propriety of conduct, which renders the society of this place particularly engaging.

About 170 leagues west of the coast is the fine group of the Galapagos (Tortoise) Islands, deriving their name from the abundance of a gigantic species of land tortoise, called the elephant tortoise. The islands, which enjoy a delightful climate and a fertile soil, have recently been occupied by a colony from Guayaquil.

GUIANA.

GULANA was once more extensive than at present; it included the whole of that portion of South America lying between the Orinoco and the Amazon Rivers, of which the northern part, called Spanish Guiana, now belongs to Venezuela, and the southern, known as Portuguese Guiana, is attached to the Brazilian province

The region at present styled Guiana, extends along the coast from Cape Barrima, at the mouth of the Orinoco, to the Oyapock River, a distance of about 750 miles, and extending in the interior, to the mountains at the source of the Essequibo, Surinam, and Marowyne, or Maroni Rivers, about 350 miles; comprising an area of about 115,000 square miles. Along the sea-shore the country presents the appearance of an extensive and uniform plain. It is covered generally with thick forests, even to the water's edge; and the coast is so low and flat that nothing is seen at first but the trees, which appear to be growing out of the sea. is surprisingly fertile, and a moist duxuriant vegetation almost everywhere overspreads the country.

This region is at present divided between the British, Dutch, and French. British Guiana extends from the Orinoco to the Corantine River, and embraces the three colonies of Essequibo, Demarara, and Berbice. Dutch Guiana, or Surinam, extends from the Corantine to the Marowyne; and Cayenne, or French Guiana, is included between the Rivers Marowyne and Oyapock. British Guiana contains a population of 96,502 persons, of whom 3576 are whites, and 99,996 coloured and negroes. Surinam has a population of about 65,000, of whom it is supposed 59,000 are slaves. The inhabitants of Cayenne consist of 3786 whites, 2206 free negroes, and 23,046 slaves; total, 29,038; making a total, for the population of Guiana, of 190,540 inhabitants, exclusive of the revolted negroes and Indians in the interior.

Demerara, Berbice, and Essequibo, are of recent acquisition, having belonged to the Dutch till the last war, when they yielded to the naval supremacy of Britain, and were confirmed to that power by the treaty of 1814. They extend about 400 miles along the coast, and each colony is situated at the mouth of a broad

river, bearing its own name. The territory is low, flat, alluvial, and in many parts awampy; and the greater portion, when it came into the possession of Britain, was covered with dense and almost impenetrable forests. Since that time a great improvement has taken place; British industry has cut down the woods, and, availing itself of the natural fertility of the soil, has rendered this one of the most productive regions in the New World. Demerara ranks, as to produce, second only to Jamaica: its rum is inferior only to hers; and the coffee of Berbice ranks above that of any of the islands.

Stabrock, now Georgetown, is built on the low bank of the river Bemerara. The houses are of wood, seldom above two stories high, and, with a view to coolness, are shaded by colonnaded porticose and balconies, and by projecting roofs; and Venetian blinds are used instead of glass windows. Canals are conducted on each side of the town, which presents a busy scene, every road being, like a wherf, strewed with casks and bales. The town contains 10,000 inhabitants, mostly negroes. New Amsterdam, the small capital of Berbige, is agreeably situated, intersected by canals, and with a considerable spot of ground attached to each house.

Since the year 1837 there has been a great decrease in the amount of produce raised and exported. The exports of 1839 were more than £1,000,000 less than those of 1836. This result is believed to be owing chiefly to the aversion of the eminecipated negroes to labour. Many thousand acres of the most fertile lands are lying waste for the want of hands. In 1839, 400 Hill Coolies, from Hindoostan, were imported: they are said to be useful labourers: but this being considered by many a revival, in effect, of the slave trade, the practice has been discontinued.

Surinam constitutes the most important part of the Dutch western possessions. Dutch Guiana formerly included also Demerara, Berbice, and Essequibo; which now belong to Great Britain. The coast, like that of the rest of Guiana, is flat and alluvial, and is traversed by several broad rivers, coming from a considerable distance in the interior. That of Surinam has a channel about four miles wide, but shullow and rocky, navigable only for boats. The Dutch have made very considerable efforts for its improvement, and it is decidedly rising in importance.

considerable efforts for its improvement, and it is decidedly riging in importance. Paramaribo, at the mouth of the river, where it affords excellent anchorage for vessels, is a considerable town, well built of wood, and arranged in regular streets, adorned with fine trees. Its commerce is considerable, and supports a population of 18,000 or 20,000 persons.

Cayenne extends from the Marowyne to the Oyapock river, a distance of about 200 miles. It is bounded west by Surinam, south by Brazil, and north by the Atlantic Ocean. It is an alluvial region, covered with majestic forests. The trees astonish Europeans, not only by their prodigious size, but by their great variety. Fine aromatics, unknown to the other regions of the west, have been cultivated there with success. The Cayenne-pepper is the most pungent and delicate kind of that spice; and the clove, long exclusively attached to the Moluccas, has succeeded so well, that a part of the consumption of Europe is supplied from Cayenne. The cutting down of these noble woods would afford the material of a valuable timber trade, and the ground thus cleared would be fit for sugar and every kind of West India produce. Yet the tract is cultivated in only a few scattered patches, not exceeding in all 230 square leagues. Serious obstacles are indeed presented by the pestilential vapours exhaled from these dark woods and marshes. In a settlement, on a great—scale, attempted at Kourou, in 1763, no less than 13,000 persons perished; so that the deportation to Cayenne, of deputies obnoxious to the ruling party, during the revolution, was inflicted as conveying almost a sentence of death. Yet if due precautions were used, and the woods cleared, it would possibly be as healthful as any other settlement in this quarter.

Cayenne Proper consists of an alluvial island, about eighteen miles long and tan broad, formed by the branches of the river of that name, on which is Cayenne, the capital of the colony. Kourou, Sinnamaree, and Oyapock, are small settlements scattered along the coast.

The town of Cayenne has 510 houses, and 5220 inhabitants, of whom 2841 are

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free. It consists of the old and the new towns. The streets of the latter ar straight, wide, and clean. The old town is ill built: the government-house the Jesuita' College are its chief buildings. Cayenne is the centre of all the trade of the colony. In 1836 the imports, chiefly from France, amounted to 3,969,519 francs. Exports, 3,121,759 francs.

EMPIRE OF BRAZIL.

BRASIL is a very extensive region, which occupies nearly the whole of the eastern tracts of South America, and, after being long held as a Portuguese colony, has of late, by peculiar circumstances, been formed into a separate empire. It extends over more than half the continent of South America, and is bounded on the east by the Atlantic, whose shores describe round it an irregular arch, broken by very few bays or injects of any consequence. In the interior, this empire borders on every side upon the former provinces of Spain; but the two nations, in the course of 300 years, could not determine on the boundary lines to be drawn through the interior of these vast deserts.

The dimensions of this immense range of territory may be taken from about 4° N. to 32° S. lat., and from about 35° to 73° W. lon. This will give about 2500 miles of extreme length, and about the same in extreme breadth. The area of the whole has been estimated at upwards of 3,000,000 square miles. It is thus twenty-five times the extent of the British Islands, nearly twice that of Mexico and greater by a fourth than the entire domain of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is rather more than half of all South America. Of this immense space, indeed, not above a fourth can be considered as at present in an effective and productive state; and that part is scarcely cultivated and peopled up to a fourth of its actual capacity. But nearly the whole, from soil, climate, and communications, is capable of being brought, at some future and distant pe-

riod, into full improvement.

The Brazilian ranges of mountains are of great extent, but reach, by no means, to that stupendous height which distinguishes the Andes of Colombia and Peru. The principal mass of these mountains lies N. W. of Rio de Janeiro, towards the ources of the rivers San Francisco, Parana, and Tocantines, and are not generally higher than from 2000 to 3000 feet; only a few detached peaks rising to

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Rivers, the greatest in America and in the world, flow around the borders or through the territories of Brazil. Its northern part is watered by the course of the Amazon, its western by the Madeira and the Paraguay. Within its territory flow, tributary to the Amazon, the Topayos, the Xingu, and the Negro, which, though here secondary, may rival the greatest waters of the other continents. The Tocantines and the Parnaiba flow into the sea on the northern coast. But at present the most useful rivers are those between the coast chain and the sea, none of which can attain any long course. Much the greatest is the Rio Francisco, which, flowing northward along the back of these mountains to their termination, there finds its way to the Atlantic. There are two Rios Grandes, one falling into the sea north of Pernambuco, the other (Rio Grande do Sul) in the extreme south, watering the province that bears its name.

Lakes are not leading features in Brazil: but in the southern province of Rio Grande, there are the Patos and the Mirim, extensive and shallow, communicating with the sea, yet chiefly fresh, and forming the receptacle of all the streams which come down from the interior. Farther inland, the Paraguay and Parana, y their superfluous waters, form the Lakes Xarayez and Ibera, which spread, in

the rainy season, over a prodigious extent of ground.

The form of government in Brazil is an hereditary constitutional monarchy. The sovereign, who has the title of emperor, has the power of making peace and war, concluding treaties with foreign powers, nominating the principal officers of

two empire and of the provinces, &c. The legislative body is composed of two houses chosen by indirect election, that is, by electors chosen for this purpose. The senators are elected for life; the deputies or representatives, for the term of four years. Each province has also its local assembly and governor, for administering provincial affairs. There is, however, a great difficulty in enforcing the measures of any general and central administration over so wide an extent of

sountry, and over provinces so deeply imbued with a local spirit.

The Brasilian army consists of about 24,000 men; 17,000 are of the line, and the rest volunteers and national guards. The navy comprises 74 vessels, of all grades, with 350 guns and 2630 sailors: 67 vessels are in commission. There is I ship of the line, 3 frigates, 5 corvettes, and 6 steamers; the remainder consists of smaller vessels. The estimate of annual revenue, for the years 1846, '6, is \$20,500,000; and of expenditure for the same period, \$27,894,939. The funded debt, in 1845, amounted to £13,969,477.

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The natural capacities of Brazil are fully equal to those of any region in the New World. The soil is capable of yielding profusely, sugar, cotton, coffee, to acco, all the richest tropical productions; the forests are immense, and abound in the most valuable timber; the fields are covered with numberless herds of cattle; and the most precious of metals are found near the surface of the carth. Its chief defect is, that, destitute of those fine elevated table-lands, which cover so much of Spanish America, it affords no eligible situation for European colonists; and the labouring classes consist almost wholly of negro slaves; a circumstance

adverse to its prosperity, and necessarily engendering many evils.

Dense and impenetrable forests cover a great part of the interior of Brazil, and exhibit a luxuriance of vegetation almost peculiar to the central regions of South America. "The infinite variety of tints which these woods display, give them an aspect wholly different from those of Europe. Each of the lofty sons of the forest has an effect distinct from that of the rest. The brilliant white of the silver tree, the brown head of the Mangoa, the purple flowers of the Brazil wood, the yellow laburnums, the deep red fungus, and the carmine-coloured lichens, which invest the trunks and the bark, all mingle in brilliant confusion, forming groups finely contrasted and diversified. The gigantic height of the palms, with their varying crowns, give to these forcets an incomparable majesty. All these are interwoven with a network of creeping and climbing plants, so close as to form round the large trees a verdant wall, which the eye is unable to penetrate; and many of the flowering species, that climb up the trunks, spread forth and present the appearance of parterres hanging in the air. These woods are not a silent scene, unless during the deepest heat of noon, but are crowded and rendered vocal by the greatest variety of the animal tribes. Birds of the most singular forms and most superb plumage flutter through the bushes. The toucan rattles his large hollow bill; the busy orioles creep out of their long pendent nests; the amorous thrush, the chattering manikin, the full tones of the nightingale, amuse the hunter; while the humming-birds, rivalling, in lustre, diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires, hover round the brightest flowers. Myriads of the most brilliant beetles buzz in the air; and the gayest butterflies rivalling in splendour the colours of the rainbow, flutter from flower to flower. Absauline the beautiful, but sometimes dangerous, race of lizards and serpeuts, exceeding is splendow of the flowers, glide out of the leaves and lowers of the trees. squirrels and monkeys leap from bough to bough, and large bodies of ants, issuing from their nests, creepellong the ground." It concerns us here to remark, that these immense forests are rich in timber of every description for use and ornament, suited either for carpentry, shipbuilding, dyeing, or furniture. That kind especially called Brazil wood is particularly celebrated for the beautiful red dye which it produces.

Agriculture is exercised in Brazil upon valuable products, and in fertile soils, but in a very slovenly manner. The farmers, till of late, were a most ignorant and Brazil nor any, except the last, in which the sugar-cane grew. They have begun, however, to hold intercourse with the world in general, and to introduce

improved processes from the West India islands. Land is so abundant that they never think of employing manure, but break up a fresh spot whenever a cultivated one is exhausted. They do not even grub up the trees, but plant the engar-case among the stumps, the luxuriant shoots from which cannot be cleared away was out great labour.

Among the objects of culture, sugar has long been prominent; the rich and moist soils on a great part of the coast being particularly suited to it. Cetton has of late become a leading article, in consequence of the extensive demand in Britain. The best is that of Pernambuco. Tobacco is cultivated, along with the sugar, for home use, and is an object of traffic between the provinces. Coffee is only of recent introduction; but within these few years the culture has been so vastly extended as to render it the most important object of Brazilian commerce. For food, chiefly to the negroes, manioc and kidneybeans are the articles most raised. Maive and bananas are not so much used as in most tropical countries.

Rice is largely cultivated only in Maranham.

Cattle multiply to an immense extent in all the provinces of Braxil, but more especially in the south. The great farms contain 2000, 3000, 4000, and sometimes even 40,000 head. The bulk of these roam at large in a wild state, with no attendance except that of two or three peons or herdmen, riding constantly round the wide pastures, to keep them within the bounds, and defend them against the attacks of wild beasts. Once a year only, they are collected within an anclosure, and branded with the mark of the master. Portions of these roving herds are from time to time caught and killed, chiefly or the hide, though the flesh also is dried in a peculiar manner, and sent to the northern provinces. A certain number, notwithstanding, are tamed, to supply wilk, and to serve for meat, which is considered more delicate than that of the wild cattle.

Mines, however, form the most celebrated, though by no means the most value-

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The gold of Brazil occurs, like that of Africa, in the form of dust brought down by streams which descend from the hills, and from which it is separated by agitation in water. No attempts seem yet to have been made to penetrate into the interior deposits of this precious metal. The produce of gold has greatly diminished, and on the whole the precious metal has proved to Brazil a fatal gift. The eager search and hope have continued after the amount ceased to repay the labour. A few instances of wealth suddenly acquired have generated a dislike of steady and regular occupation; and the rich soil in the neighbourhood of the mines, and from which the most solid wealth might have been derived, is allowed to lie waste. The fifth, claimed by the king, though extensively evaded, presses

heavily on this branch of industry.

The diamonds of Brazil are a source of wealth still more brilliant, yet even less productive. The principal diamond ground is in a circuit of sixteen leagues round Tejuco, in the district of Serro do Frio. The trade has been monopolised by the government; and, as usual in such cases, has been conducted at a very great expense. Not less than 35,000% annually is said to be expended in officers, negroes, machinery, and instruments. All proprietors resident near the spot eagerly profier their negroes at a very low rate; to which proceeding it is alleged that sinister motives frequently impel them. The diamonds of Brazil are found in a situation similar to that of the gold, among portions of alluvial earth. Of all the depositories of diamonds, the most celebrated is the river Jiquitonhomba, which flows nearly as broad as the Thames at Windsor. The diamonds of Brazil are larger than those of India, and as brilliant, but not so hard. At the first discovery of the mines, they sent forth no less than a thousand ounces of diamonds, which made a prodigious impression on the market; but of late their annual produce has not much exceeded 22,000 carats.

Of other mineral products, iron and copper are said to abound in the interior province of Matto Grosso; but they have not yet been worked. There are also topazes larger than those of Saxony and Siberia, tourmalines, and rock crystal.

Manufactures have made smaller progress in Brazil than in any other of the South American colonies. The only fabric of importance is that of gold and

silver, which is carried on in the capital to a great extent. The articles wrought are of great beauty, and are an object even of export.

Commerce flourishes in consequence of the very dependence of the country upon foreign manufactures, as well as the valuable products of its soil. Rio Janeiro is the centre of trade for the southern coasts, which send to it provisions for its own consumption, as well as hides, tobacco, sugar, and cotton; vast trains of loaded mules also come and go to the interior provinces, especially S. Paulo and Minas Geraes. Bahia carries on most of her trade, and Pernambuco and Maranham nearly all of theirs, direct with Europe and the United States. The southern provinces export wheat, hides, horn, hair, and tailow; the middle, gold and precious stones; and the northern, cotton, coffee, sugar, tobacco, and Brazil wood. The imports are chiefly wines, brandy, and oil, from Portugal; cotton, woollens, linens, hardware, and other manufactured articles from Great Britain; and flour, salted provisions, naval stores, and household furniture, from the United States. The value of the imports into Rio Janeiro only, for one year, in 1842, '43, was \$22,220,309; and the exports for the same period \$31,965,679: the largest amount of imports was from Great Britain; and the next in value from the United States. The chief exports were to the latter country; and the next,

lows. Exports to the United States, \$5,948,814; imports from, \$2,601,502. No census has ever been taken of the population of Brazil; and the number is altogether conjectural. M'Culloch states it at 7,000,000; and Kidder, the latest authority (1845), at 4,170,229; but admits that it may amount to 5,000,000. About one half the number is estimated to be of negro blood, chiefly slaves; one-

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fourth mixed; and the remaining fourth white. The great predominance of the negro population distinguishes Brazil unfavourably from the other South American States. The continual importation of these negroes, the numbers who perished in the voyage, and the manner in which they were exhibited in open market, presented scenes equally distressing and degrading to humanity. By a law of the state, however, this importation was, in February, 1830, finally to cease. The existing slaves are exposed, of course, to all the capricious and brutal treatment of their masters; and with less protection from law than in the West Indies. On the whole, however, their actual condition is more favourable. Even the multitude of festivals affords a relief to the slave, and gives him opportunities of doing a good deal for himself. Public opinion is against the master who obstructs the negro in endeavouring to procure his own emancipation, and refuses a reasonable price for it. What is of more importance, as soon as the negro or mulatto is free, he labours no longer under that proceription which pursues him in some countries. He is admissible to all offices, is equal to the white in the eye of the law, and not very much inferior in public opinion: even at the royal levee, negro officers have been seen taking in their black coarse hands the fair hands of the queen, and applying them to their lips. And it is supposed that, in the event of a slave insurrection, all the class of free negroes would make common cause with the whites.

Religion in Brazil is almost universally the Catholic. It was provided, however, by treaty with England, that British subjects at Rio might erect a church without a bell and after the manner of a private dwelling. The clergy are supported by the government, which formerly made a composition with the court of Rome, and on release of the payment of tithes contracted to give a stipend of 200 dollars to the ecclesiastics. This is at present an insufficient salary, and the clergy would live in poverty were not many of them skilful cultivators. This may perhaps be the reason why so many blacks are in orders. Had the tithes been retained the clergy would now be the most opulent class. There is one archbishop and six bishops, who are paid on the same economical scale, and their

best support comes from fees in the ecclesiastical tribunals. Science, literature, and art have scarcely yet any existence in Brazil. Some of the higher classes, and of the officers of the government, are well informed, and the sea-port towns are beginning to imbibe the spirit and knowledge of Enrope; but these improvements have made little way into the interior. In 1808, the prince regent carried out a library of 70,000 volumes, which is open to the public; and there is a museum, containing a fine collection of diamonds, crystals of gold, and other Brazilian minerals, but not rich in any other respect. In 1837 the College of Don Pedro II. was founded in Rio Janeiro. It has eight or nine professors, and the concourse of students is respectable, in point of numbers.

The Indians in Brazil are in a much more uncivilised and unpromising state than in the Spanish settlements. They have never been incorporated in any shape with the European population, but have always retired before the progress of civilisation into the depths of their forests. They have borrowed, indeed, from the Portuguese some scanty portion of raiment. But they have never attempted the taming of animals, or the planting of grain; they subsist solely on the spontaneous fruits of the carth, the roots which they can dig up, and the game brought down by their arrow, which they shoot with marvellous dexterity, taking an almost unerring aim at the distance of forty or fifty yards.

The provinces of Brazil, 18 in number, are divided into smaller divisions called comarcas. They can scarcely as yet be exhibited in any very minute local and statistical details. In taking a view of their leading features, we may divide them into the provinces of the southern coast, Rio Janeiro, St. Catharine, Rio Grande do Sul and Espiritu Santo; those of the northern coast, Bahia, Sergippe, Alagoas, Pernambuco, Paraiba, Rio Grande do Norte, Seara, Piauhy and Maranham; the interior provinces, Minas Geraes, San Paulo, Goyaz, Matto Grosso, and Pará.

Rio Janeiro, the capital of the empire, may now, perhaps, rank as the largest and most flourishing city of South America. It lies on the western side of a noble bay, seventy or eighty miles in circumference, forming one of the most spacious and secure receptacles for shipping in the world. It is studded with upwards of 100 islands; the ships of all nations are seen passing through its channels, and innumerable little boats flitting about. The shore rises immediatey into green and wooded hills, thickly planted with villas and convents, and behind which lofty mountains shoot up their heads in the most picturesque and These objects compose the most enchanting scene that can be imagined. The town is tolerably well built, much in the European style, the houses being three or four stories high, though the streets are rather narrow. Two of them extend the whole length, with new and broad streets striking off from them; and there are several very handsome squares. The town is well supplied with water, by excellent aqueducts. There is a greater stir and bustle than is usual in a South American city, though the crowd of half-naked blacks and mulattoes offends the eye of the newly arrived European. The population has been fixed only by rude conjecture. Before the arrival of the court, it was supposed to fall short of 100,000; but that event caused a great increase, and it has even been estimated as high as 200,000. The environs of Rio de Janeiro are delightful in the extreme, the valleys and sides of the hills being covered with trees, shrubs, and creeping plants of peculiar beauty. The bay of Bottafogo, and the sides of the rude and lofty mountain called the Corcovado, are the spots most particularly celebrated. The king has a rural palace, called San Christovac, of light and pavilion-like architecture, and which from its site has a much more pleasing effect than that in the city. We have already noticed the trade of Rio Janeiro, centring in itself that of all southern Brazil. The cultivation of sugar, coffee, tobacco, cotton, and other tropical products, is rapidly extending; but the greater part of the flour made use of is brought from the United States and the Cape of Good Hope. The trade is chiefly in the hands of the British. The arsenal, the dockyard, and marine establishments are on a small island within the harbour.

St. Catharine is a long narrow province, which is chiefly remarkable for the island of the same name. It has a fine climate: its perpetual verdure and its conical rocky hills give it a beautiful aspect from the sea. The town of Nossa Senhera, or St. Catharine, has 5000 or 3000 inhabitants, many of whem have chosen it merely as an agreeable residence. The coast is as yot thinly peopled, though it contains several excellent harbours, as Laguna, and San Francisco, on a

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Rio Grande do Sul, the most southern province, comprises a long extent of level and alluvial coast, in which the large lakes of Pates and Mirim run parallel with the sea. The plains are covered with vast herds of cattle, which afford hides and charque, or beef dried in a peculiar manner, making a copious object of export. Some of the fazendas, or farms, comprise no less than 600,000 acres. The chief town is Portalegre, with 12,000 inhabitants, to which the opportunities of its trade have attracted even English settlers. Being situated at the head of the lake, its maritime intercourse is carried on by the port of St. Pedro, or Rio Grande, which is also flourishing.

The provinces of Espirita Santo and Seguro extend for about 400 miles along the coast northward from Rio; but though the latter was the point first discovered, and though they possess ample natural advantages, they have remained always in a comparatively rude and unimproved state. The Rio Doce is the principal stream in this region; it can be ascended only in canoes propelled by poles. It is in most places bordered by forests so thick and impenetrable, as seldom to leave ground on which a house could stand. Of the sea-ports, the most important is Victoria, to which may be added those bearing the names of the provinces, Espiritu Santo, and Porto Seguro; as also Benevente and St. Mattheos. These towns consist generally of houses one story high, and the streets are straggling, unpaved, and covered with grass. In Porto Seguro, though so near the sea, they have no other food than saited fish, which renders the sourcy very prevalent.

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The fine province of Bahia follows north from the two rude regions already described. It is the most flourishing and industrious part of all Brazil. Besides being originally the metropolitan province, it was long occupied by the Dutch, who introduced their own commercial and improving habits.

The city of Bahia, or St. Salvador, is situated within Cape St. Autonio, the eastern boundary of the noble bay of All Saints, which strikingly resembles that of Rio Janeiro. Around the bay the sites and prospects are beautiful in the extreme, Every step brings to view some magnificent scene; the woods, the steep banks and gently sloping lawns, generally opening to the sea or the lake behind the town, have a peculiar freshness and amenity. With these attractions the interior does not correspond, at least that of the lower town, where the houses are high, the streets confined and narrow, wretchedly paved, never cleaned, and therefore diagustingly dirty. The upper town, however, placed upon the side of a hill which rises abruptly behind, though not well built, has a number of handsome private houses and public buildings. The cathedral and several other churches are handsome and richly ornamented; but the finest of them, the Ex-Jesuit's church, built entirely of marble imported from Europe, has been converted into barracks. Gaming, the resource of vacant minds, is eagerly followed by both sexes. Intellectual pursuits seem little regarded; and though there is a large library, with some valuable manuscripts respecting the interior of America, it is allowed to lie in a neglected state. The police is bad, the dagger being generally worn, and too often used: the deaths by assassination are estimated at 200 in the year; yet St. Salvador is esteemed the gayest city in Brasil. Population esti-

mated at from 190,000 to 160,000 souls.

Of the other towns of Bahia, Cachoeira, the principal, is handsome and well built, and contains nearly 16,000 inhabitants. Jacobina, more in the interior, was formerly enriched by mines, which are now given up. Ilheos, or San George, a prettily situated port, was once very considerable, but is now of little importance.

Pernambuco is the next province to Bahis, with the intervention of the small provinces of Seregipe and Alagoas. Pernambuco ranks decidedly as the third province in the empire, being comparatively very industrious, and having experienced a rapid improvement from the extension of the growth and export of cotton. What is called the town of Pernambuco is a compound of four towns: Olinda, seated above on a range of rocky hills, and the most ancient, but now much decayed; Recify, built on a cand-bank level with the water, and deriving its name

from the reef opposite to it already mentioned,—the seat of trade, highly flour-ishing, and rapidly increasing: St. Antonio, or the middle town, composed of large and broad streets, and containing the governor's house, and two principal churches; lastly, Boa Vista, an extensive agreeable suburb, where the principal merchants have commodices gardens. Pernambuco has flourished extremely and increased rapidly, chiefly in consequence of the augmented culture of cotton, and the ampi market for it in Europe. The cotton of Pernambuco is said to be the best in th north of Brazil. The population, in 1831, was estimated at 70,000. Alagons and Macayo, small ports south of Pernambuco, are increasing in trade and population. The river St. Francisco, much the largest of any which belongs wholly to Bra-

zil, enters the sea in the southern border of this province, after a course of nearly 900 miles through the back territories behind the coast chain. The navigation i much injured, however, first by a succession of falls, and then by shallows at the mouth of the river, which render it scarcely passable even for boats. Till of late, therefore, its banks were occupied only by a few scattered fishermen and banditti. New towns and villages are rising, and Collegia, Villa Nova, and Propria, are becoming thriving place

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The other provinces of the northern coast, Paraiba, Rio Grande do Norte, Seara, Piauhy, and Maranham, extend chiefly from east to west towards the mouth of Plauny, and Maranham, extend chiefly from east to west towards the mouth of the Amazon. They, in general, present an aspect resembling Pernambneo; the coast containing many fertile and improvable districts, but the interior occupied extensively by the great Sertam, (prairie region,) which reaches as far as Bahia. They are chiefly employed in the culture of cotton, and rest their prosperity upon the increasing demand for that material. Maranham, in particular, an alluvial isle, formed by the branches of great rivers, exports, on an average, 70,000 bales, besides rice and hides, and has attained a population variously estimated at from 12,000 to as high as 30,000. The other capitals are small. Parails, noted for the abundance of Braxil-wood, was formerly considered of more importance than row: however, it has in fact continued to increase, though eclipsed by the supernow; however, it has in fact continued to increase, though eclipsed by the superior importance of Pernambuco. Rio Grande is covered to a great extent with hills of fine and white sand, and is fertile in sugar, yet thinly inhabited; and Na-tal, its capital, is little better than a village. Seara has a pretty briak trade on a mall scale.

Piauhy is almost entirely an inland province, and its little interior capital, Ocyras, is scarcely at all known. The isle of Joannes, situated at the mouth of the Amazon, is very fertile; but the heats would be insupportable were they not tempered by the sea-breezes. A great part of its surface is covered with woods, ten-anted by wandering Indians. The interior provinces are San Paule, Minas Geraes, Goyaz, Matto Grosso, and Para.

San Paulo was at first an Indian settlement, formed by a Jesuit missionary in 1550; but, being reinforced by numerous refugees and adventurers, a mixed race: was formed, of a lawless and daring characte, who make a great figure in the early history of Brasil. These Paulistas, as they were called, set the Portuguese government almost at defiance, and made themselves formidable to the neighbouring provinces. They are now brought down to the character of tolerably quiet subjects; but they still maintain, throughout Brasil, the reputation of hardy frankness, undaunted courage, and a romantic love of adventures and dangers. Their ness, undaunted courage, and a romantic love of adventures and dangers. features are strongly marked and expressive, their eyes full of fire, and all their motions lively and vigorous. They are the strongest, healthiest, and most active inhabitants of Braxil; and their adventurous spirit leads them to migrate through all its provinces. A good deal of Indian corn is cultivated; but the chief wealth of the province consists in its vast herds of horses and cattle; and the inhabit-

ants display a surprising activity in pursuing and taming them.

The city of San Paulo, 40 miles inland, is the capital of the province. Population, 9391. Santos is on an island in a small river near the cases, in the port of San Paulo. It has 5000 or 6000 inhabitants and some foreign commerce. Minas Geraes, the most central province in Brazil, is distinguished as containing the principal mines of gold and diamonds. In page 1 into 1 from San Paulo, a decided change is observable in the aspect of ature. The 1997 page 1.



extremely fartile, and might yield the most valuable productions, were not the attention of the inhabitants drawn off by the glittering but often useless treasures found in the bowels of the earth. S. Joso del Rey is a neat little town of whitewashed, red-tiled houses, surrounded by a singular scene of round hills and broken rocks, with tracts entirely sterile, and others covered with the most luxuriant verdure. Its situation is so agreeable and central, that an intention was once formed of making it the capital of Brazil. Villa Rica may be regarded as the El Dorado of Brazil, from its highly productive gold mines, already described. The place is large, its inhabitants being variously reported from 8500 to 20,000. Tejuco, the capital of the diamond district of Serro do Frio, is situated in a most dreary tract, where all the necessaries of life must be brought from a considerable distance. It is well built, on very rugged ground, and contains 6000 free inhabitants, and as many slaves employed in searching for diamonds. Villa do Principe, in a fine country, on the borders of the diamond district, enjoys a more solid presperity, and contains about 5000 people.

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There are still several exterior provinces of Brazil, which have been occupied by the Portuguese only at a few detached points, while by far the greater part remains in full possession of the unsubdued Indians. These provinces are, Goyaz, Matto Grosso, and Pará.

Goyaz is a province, or rather kingdom, of vast extent, watered by the mighty streams of the Tocantines and the Araguay, which units in their progress towards the Amazons. Gold was the lure which attracted settlers into this desolate and unfrequented region; and in the country round Villa Boe, the capital, the quan-

tity produced was for some time considerable, though now it is much diminished.

Villa Boa contains also a gevernor, a bishop, and about 6000 inhabitants.

Matto Grosso, west of Goyaz, is a still vaster region, extending far into the interior, and bounded only by the Madeira and the Upper La Plata. The principal settlement is at Cuiaba, in the south-western district, where it can hold communication with the more civilised regions. Here, too, gold was the first attraction, and even when the quantities which it produced began to diminish, the country was found so fine and fertile, that its cultivation amply indemnified the settlers. They amounted, in 1809, to 30,000. The official capital, however, is Villa Bella, on the Guapure, one of the principal heads of the Madeira; a neat small city, perhaps the most advanced point which the Portuguese hold in America.

Para forms the northern section of this vast region. The greater part is, if possible, still less known or occupied than even Matto Grosso; but there is a district near the mouth of the great river, which is not only very fertile, but cultivated to a considerable extent. It is well fitted for sugar, and, since the cotton trade rose to such importance, has particularly prospered, yielding a description little inferior to that of Bahia. The population of the capital, Pará or Belem, has been stated at 20,000; but probably this includes the immediately surrounding district. The water communications, however, of this city with the interior are so immense, that it must continue to advance with the progressive settlement

of the provinces of Goyaz and Matto Grosso.

Considering the time that has elapsed since Brazil was colonized, its extent, fertility, and favourable situation for commerce, its progress in population and wealth has been very slow. Its tardy growth, like that of the late Spanish colories were sixed. weath has been very slow. The tarry growth, like that of the late spanies of the noise, was entirely owing to the vicious principles on which it was governed by the mother country; to the restriction laid on its trade and industry; and, more than all, to the ignorance of the Portuguese, and their inferiority to the other nations of Europe. Portugal could bequeath nothing to her colonies but pride, superstition, and intolerance. But since the emigration of the court to Brazil, the foundation of a new and better order of things has been laid. The settlement of thousands of foreigners; the free intercourse now carried on with the most civilized countries in the world, have had the best effects; and although it will require a length-ened period to counteract the ignorance and superstition that prevail, Brazil is rapidly rising in the scale of wealth and population, as well as in civilization.

PERU.

Prace, of all the regions south of the Gulf of Mexico, is the most celebrated for wealth and ancient civilization. Its very name is proverbially used to denote profuse abundance of the most precious metals. The following general description will apply to what was originally Peru, now comprising two separate republics: the local description of each will be given under their respective heads. The boundaries of Peru are, on the west, the Pacific ocean, forming a long line of coast between 4° and 25° of S. lat., which probably exceeds 2000 miles in extent. On the north, the boundary is formed by a winding line drawn from the Javari in a northwesterly direction to the Pacific at Tumber. On the east, Peru is semarated from Brazil by lines wagnely drawn through harbarous regions.

Peru is separated from Brazil by lines vaguely drawn through barbarous regions which cannot very properly be said to belong either to one or the other. On the south, the general boundary is formed by a line drawn from the Paragaay in about 25° S. lat. westerly, to the Andea, thence south with the creek of the mountains to about 25° south, and from thence westward to the Pacific. Peru will thus be about 1500 miles in length, and 700 in breadth.

The surface of this extensive territory is of the boldest and most varied description. It is crossed, and in a great measure covered, by the Andes, in their greatest extent and loftiest height. Very high summits occur in the western chain facing the Pacific, and are seen in lofty succession from the cities of the coast. The last is in 8° S. lat., after which there does not occur one for 350 miles. But the mightiest part of the range is that extending over Bolivia, or Upper Peru. It is both the most spacious and the highest of all the branches of the Andes. It contains the stupendous peaks of Sorato and Illimanni, the highest in the New World; and which rise, the former to the height of 25,400 and the latter of 24,350 above the level of the sea. It encloses an extensive table-land, scarcely anywhere less than 19,000 feet high, and peculiarly distinguished for the great altitude at which full cultivation, large towns, and even cities, are situated. In this lofty district also are found the rich mines of Potosi. Between the Andes and the sea extends the plain of Peru, where the chief Spanish settlements have been formed. It is from 50 to 100 miles in breadth, partly covered with branches from the Andes, but towards the sea forming a flat expanse of land, often white with saline incrustations, and absolutely a desert, unless where one of the broad

streams, or rather torrents, from the mountains, can be directed over it.

The interior is bordered, and partly traversed, by the greatest rivers in the world. The Amazon commences its unrivalled course among the Peruvian Andes, and with its giant branches collecting the water of a thousand floods, rolls its vast and mighty volume eastward to the Ocean. Peru has for its eastern boundary part of the courses of the Madeira and the Paraguay; but these belong more properly to Brasil and Paraguay. In the south the Piloomayo falls into the Paraguay, having passed through the richest mineral region in the world.

Lakes in South America are not very grand or characteristic features; yet: Peru contains one enclosed in its greatest table-land, the Lake of Titicaca, which, though twenty times the size of the Lake of Geneva, cannot come into any com-

petition with the mighty inland seas of Canada.

Peru, in consequence of its liberation from the authority of Spain, was formed into two separate republics; one, consisting of Lower Peru, considered now as Peru proper; and the other of Upper Peru, or Bolivia, which was named in honour of General Simon Bolivar, the liberator of South America. It must be owned, however, that our information respecting the organization and present state of these republies is very imperfect. The revenue of Lower Peru is said to amount to 1,250,000*l*., its debt somewhat above 6,000,000*l*., and its army at 7500. The revenue of Bolivia is stated at only 460,000*l*., its debt 750,000*l*.

Agriculture is not the branch on which the wealth of Peru in any great degree rests. The plain on the eex-coast is a sandy desert, and the sides of the mountains are steep and broken into ravines; while the parameras or table-lands at the summit of the Cordillers are rendered nearly unit for cultivation, by the extreme cold and the perpetual snow which covers them; so that it is almost solely-

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through the neglected remains of the Indian terraces and irrigating canals, that any of the elevated tracts are rendered very productive. Some of the valleys, also, and of the lands along the rivers, are extremely fertile. Indian corn is the staple grain and chief food of the natives, in the various forms of bread, puddings, porridge, and reasted grain. It is also made into a fermented liquor called elies, which is agreeable enough; but, unfortunaity for the fastidious tests of Enropeans, the Indian women consider it their duty carefully to chew it, as a means of fermentation. For wheat, Peru is dependent upon the Chilian province of Concepcion. The sugar-cane is cultivated with decided success, though not on a very great scale. Fruits of every climate, from the successive slopes of the Cordillers, are poured down into the markets of Lima. The neighbourhood of Pisco is covered with vincs, from the grapes of which are made 150,000 gallons of excellent brandy; but the wine of Peru possesses no merit. Ipecacuanha, balsams, medicinal plants, and valuable dye-woods may also be mentioned.

Manufactures are in a still less advanced state. In the mountain districts are made considerable quantities of coarse woollens, blankets, fianuels, beize, and

made considerable quantities of course woollens, blankets, flancels, beize, and made considerable quantum of course woolens, olaracts, mannell, beige, and particularly gonesios, a loose riding-closk, generally worm throughout Spanish. America, and sometimes made of great fineness. A few towns on the coast manufacture cottons. Goatskins are made into good cordovan. The Indians execute very fine filigree work in gold and silver, and their mats and other articles of furniture made from grass and rushes are very much admired. In general, however, the Peruvians look to Europe for a supply of all the finer

manufactures.

The mines have been the source of the unrivalled wealth of Peru. These are scated in the inmost depth of the Andes, approached only by steep and perilous passes, and in mountains which reach the limit of perpetual enow. The silver mountain of Potosi, in Bolivia or Upper Peru, has no equal in the world. It rises to the height of 16,000 feet, is eighteen miles in circumference, and forms one entire mass of ore. It appears from the city dyed all over with metallic tints, green, orange, yellow, grey, and rose-colour. Though since the conquest upwards of 1,600,000,000 dollars have been drawn from it, the mountain is still only honey-combed, as it were, at the surface; ore still lies at a somewhat greater depth, and is in some places overflowed with water. Yet it has sunk into such a state of decay, that in the ten years ending 1829, the annual produce into such a state of decay, that in the ten years ending 1829, the annual produce is not believed to have exceeded 330,000 dollars. But the present depressed state of the mine is chiefly owing to the late political convulsions, and the exhaustion of all the capital that was formerly employed. The mines of Cerro Pasco are seinsted at a prodigious height, on the Andes, more than 13,000 feet above the sea. They are chiefly in the mountain of Lauricocha, forming a bed of brown ironstone, about three miles long and one and a half broad; from every ton of which two or three marks of silver are extracted. These mines, before the revolution, yielded annually 131,000 lbs. troy of silver. By that convulsion their working was for a time suspended, but has been lately resumed. There are mines also at Hualgayas in the province of Truxillo, and Huanlaya in that of Arequips. All the Peruvian mines, however, had so much declined, that their produce, during the ten years from 1819 to 1829, was under 4,500,000 dollars. The gold mines are found chiefly in the interior district of Tarma, bordering on the Ameson. The mines of mercury are considered equally precious with those of silver, from its scarcity and its necessity in amalgamation. The discovery, therefore, of the mines of Guanca-Velica was of the greatest importance, and they yielded at one time an immense amount. They are at present, however, almost useless, in consequence of the most valuable part of the works having fallen in.

In 1841, the total produce of the gold and silver mines of Peru and Bolivis,

was estimated at \$3,750,000. Commerce, during the late war, was almost extinct in Peru; but, for some years, has been slowly reviving. The export trade consists chiefly of gold and eliver, with some bark, cacee, cotton, sugar, copper and tin, Vicugna wool, &c. The value, which before 1739 scarcely exceeded 2,000,000 dollars, had risen, between 1785 and 1794, to \$6,680,000. The imports consist of cetton and woollet goods from Britain and the United States; linen from Germany; French and

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The population of Peru, according to enumerations made about 1903, amounted to 1,076,000. It has since been estimated by Humboldt at 1,400,000; by the Patriots, in 1818, at 1,700,000; and by Malte-Brun, in 1890, at 1,500,000; di whom 100,000 were whitee, 900,000 Indians, 320,000 Mestisce, and 100,000 free and ensiaved negroes. This last estimate is probably as near the truth as any other; and as the circumstances of the country have been unfavourable to any increase of population since that period, it may be assumed as about the amount at the present time. Bolivia has been estimated to contain 1,716,000, of which 510,000 are Europeans and mixed races, 485,000 Indians, and 920,000 not distinguished. Thus the region under consideration will contain, in all, 5,916,000 in-

The character of the Creoles, or native Spaniards, of Peru, is painted under colours somewhat less flattering than that of the same class in almost any of the colours somewhat less nattering than that of the same class in almost any of the other States. The preponderance of the European Spaniards appears to have been more overwhelming than elsewhere. This political degradation, with the general diffusion of wealth and facility of subsistence, seems to have been the chief cause of the enervated state into which the natives of Lima had sunk. The male inhabitants are described as almost too insignificant a race to be worthy of mention; destitute of all energy, both mental and bodily; so that, notwithstanding the extensive trade, there are not above two or three mercantile houses carried ing the extensive trade, there are not above two or three mercantile houses carried on by native Peruvians; all the rest are conducted by foreigners, many of who are from Chili and Buence Ayres. The ladies act a much more conspicuous par are from Unill and Buenos Ayres. The ladies act a much more conspicuous part; though not always, we are sorry to say, altogether to their credit. From their carliest years they are led to consider themselves as the objects of admiration and homage; and a system of the most decided coquetry, or at least firtation, is established. Gaming prevails also among both sexes to a destructive extent; and families are extremely ill managed. Yet the Peruvians are courteous, humans, hospitable, and generous. In the country, these amiable qualities are combined with equal mirth, but a much greater degree of simplicity. with equal mirth, but a much greater degree of simplicity.

The Indians, or native Peruviane, are still, over all Peru, the most numerous class. They present nothing of that fierce aspect and that untamed and ferocious character, which render the Caribe, the Brazilians, and the Indians of Canada, so terrible to European settlers. They have small features, little feet,

well-turned limbs; sleek, coarse, black hair, and scarcely any beard.

The mixed races are more numerous than the pure Spaniards, though less stan the Indians. They consist of the usual multiplied branches from the three original stocks of Europeans, Indians, and Negross. The Mestino is strong, swarthy, with little beard, laborious, and well disposed; the mulatto is less robust, but is acute, talkative, imaginative, fond of dress and parade. The zambo (mulatto and negro) is violent, morose, and stubborn, prone to many vices, and guilty of more robberies and murders than any other class, only excepting the Chinos (negro-Indian), said to be the very worst mixed breed in existence, ugly, lasy, tupid, and cruel.

The religion, as in every country over which Spain ever reigned, is exclusively Catholic. Lima is the seat of an archbishop, who had for suffragans the bishops of Cuzco, of Panama, two in Chili, and six in the south of Colombia; but this extensive jurisdiction must now be curtailed. Immense wealth has been accumulated by several of the convents, from pious donations. Some of the clergy are respectable, but a great proportion of the friars are said to lead very dissolute lives, and to promote, rather than check, the general licenticusness. Although no toleration is admitted, yet in 1819 the Inquisition was abelished.

Literature is not in so utterly depressed a state at Lima as in the other cities to the scuth of the Isthmus of Darien. Besides several colleges, there is a

highly endowed university, founded in 1849, on the model of that of Selamanou. The professors do not deliver lectures; but examinations and disputations are maintained with considerable diliguage.

The amusements consist of the theatre, which, at Lime, is tolerably conducted; buildights, cock-fights, and religious processions; and the rage for public diversions, as already observed, is extreme.

The ancestors of the present Indians of Pera were the Quichuss, the most civilized nation of South America at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards. According to their traditions, arts, laws, and religion had been introduced among them by Manco Capac, the child of the sun, whose descendants still reigned over the country under the title of Incas.

There are yet many remarkable monuments remaining of this interesting people, such as roads, anals, temples, palaces, fortresses, &c. They were acquainted with the arts of mining, of working in gold and allver, of polishing precious stones, manufacturing cloth, &c.

Several years after Mexico had become a Spanish dependency, Francisco Pisarro, a soldier of fortune, obtained the sanction of the Court of Spain to attempt the conquest of Peru. With three small vessels and 180 men, Pisarro, and his associate, Almagro, left Panama in 1631. On landing in Peru, they found Huescar, the legitimate, and Atshaulpa, the reigning Inca or sovereign, engaged in war, in which the Spanish leader was introduced into the heart of the country. By his party the Spanish leader was introduced into the heart of the country, where the umiable people received him in state, as the ambassador of a great monarch. He treacherously attacked them, and made Atshaulpa prisoner, who offered for his ransom the room in which he was confined full of gold. After Pizarro had received the stipulated amount, the faithless robber put the Inca to a cruel death, and subjugated the country. It was then constituted a vice-royalty of Spain, and subsequently partook, for several generations, of the general repose of South America. In 1780 Tupac Amam, a direct descendant of the Incas, induced a great number of the Indians to rise against the Spaniards. A civil war raged for two years, during which time the Indians made desperate attempts to regain their independence; but they were at length subjugated.

In the great struggle which took place in the early part of the present century, among the Spanish-American States, to become independent of Spain, Peru took no share until the year 1830, when the liberated Chilians sent an army under General San Martin, to assist the Peruvians in their efforts to expel the Spaniards. Lima was captured, independence was declared, and strong exertions were made to overcome the royalists; but it was not until General Bolivar, at the head of a Colombian army, came to the assistance of Peru, that they were finally driven from the country. By the victory of Ayacucho, fought in 1824, the whole Spanish army became prisoners to the allied Colombians and Peruvians, under General Sucre, the second in command to Bolivar.

In the year 1836, the Republic of Peru was divided into two distinct States, vis., North Peru and South Peru; which in the same year formed a league or union with Bolivia, under the title of the Peru-Bolivian Confederation. General Santa Crus, president of Bolivia, was chosen Supreme Protector of this new republic; but his government was scarcely organized, when it was embarrassed by a revolution which broke out in Lima in July, 1838, against the confederation. In the following month a Chilian expedition landed at Callao, and captured Lima. General Santa Crus, in the mean time, hastened with an army from Bolivia, for the purpose of repelling the invaders; but he was opposed, and completely defeated by them at Yungay, in the interior of North Peru, January 20th, 1839. The Supreme Protector escaped from the field with an excert of only 20 mean; arrived at Lima the next day, and afterward left the a country.

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Lima, next to Mexico the most splendid city of Spanish America, is situated about six miles in the interior, from its port of Calico. It is of a form nearly semicircular; two miles long, and one and a half bread; the bease being washed by the river Rimac. It is surrounded by a wall of brick and clay, twelve feet high, but capable merely of serving for purposes of police. The houses run in straight lines, dividing the city into a multitude of squares of various forma and dimensions. The Plasa, or principal square, is, as in other Spanish cities, surrounded by all the finest edifices. What was once the viceroy's palace, is an old plastered and unsightly structure, the lowest story of which is occupied by a row of shops, above which is a gallery open to the public. The apartments now employed as government offices display some vestiges of decayed magnificence. The cathedral is an elegant building, with a stene front, and two towers of considerable height; and the interior, particularly the great altar, is, or at least was, excessively rich. A considerable portion of the city is occupied by convents and churches. Besides a great many conver is and nunneries with churches attached, Lima has 57 churches, and 25 chapels, elonging to hospitals, colleges, &c. An immense treasure in the precious metals was contained in the restablishments; but during the revolution, great part has been abstracted, though the base materials substituted have been carefully gilded over. The population of Lina is about 60,000, a third part of which consists of negroes. Callaco, communicating with Lima by a very fine road, has an excellent harbour formed by two islands. The forts by which it is defended are handsome and strong. It contains 6000 inhabitants. Chorillos, three leagues south-west from Lima, is a noted watering-place.

In proceeding southward from Lima, the coast becomes very desolate. Pieco, though bearing the name of a city, is, in fact, only a poor village. On some islands near it, are vast accumulations of guano, the excrement of birds, forming the richest manure known, and of which large quantities have been taken to England. The vince in the neighbourhood of Pieco produce fruit, from which is

made a large quantity of good brandy.

On the coast to the north of Lima is Truxillo, a handsome little town, a ministure of Lima, and built in the same gay style. By its port of Guanchaco, which has a tolerable roadstead, Truxillo sends the produce of its territory to Lima, and receives foreign goods in return. It contains 19,000 inhabitants. Sanna is the seat of a considerable trade, and Lambayeque, to the north of Truxillo, is the most thriving place between Lima and Guayaquil. Piura, still farther north, is generally accounted the most ancient city in South America, though it is not exactly on the site of the city founded by Pizarro. Its district is noted for the finest breed of mules in Peru, sometimes selling for 250 dollars each; also for a very fine breed of goats, from whose skins they manufacture good cordovans; and they make also some cotton cloths, though not on so great a scale as at Lambayeque. Payta, celebrated for the successful descent of Anson in 1741, is a commodious and well-frequented sea-port, the most northerly in Peru. It being in a complete descript of sand, potable water is brought from a distance of twelve miles, and sold at a high price.

The northern interior of Peru, forming part of the departments of Junin and Truxillo, occupies various levels in the great interior table-land of the Andes. They present that variety of rich and valuable produce, which generally marks the American table-lands. Wheat, barley, cacao, and sugar, are grown in its different stages; fine cinchona is brought from the eastward; the fine soft wool of the alpaca and vicuna is collected. There is a great deal of manufacturing industry in these upper districts; the wool is made into ponchos, flannels, serges; the

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The district of Tarma, in Junin, contains the richest silver mines in Lower Peru, among which those of Cerro Pasco take the lead. The town of Tarma has

a population of 5500, and a considerable manufacture of baise. Huanaco, north of Tarma, is distinguished by Peruvian remains, and still more by containing the infant rivulet, which swells into the stream of the mighty Amazon.

The department of Arequipa lies between the ocean and the Andes. It is fertile in maize, sugar, and grapes; from which an estermed red wine is made. There are some considerable silver mines, but not equal to those on the other side of the mountains. Arequips is a large city, consider thy in the interior, in an agreeable and healthy climate. Population, 24,000. It has stood, notwithstanding shocks of earthquakes repeated three or four tirues in each century. Near it is a great volcano, whence arise clouds of sahes, which reach even to the costan. Islay, its sea-port, is only a village. Arica was originally a port of considerable importance, but close the catheracter of the costant. siderable importance: but since the earthquake of 1606, and the plunder of the place, in 1680, by the pirate Warren, it has been in a great measure deserted, and the population has emigrated to Taona, a thriving town, about thirty miles in the interior, employing extensive droves of mules to carry the merchandise landed at Arica, into the provinces beyond the Andes. Moqueba, another interior place,

is chiefly noted for the good wine produced in its district.

Huamango and Guanca-Velica, in Ayacucho, occupy the more southern valleys of the Andes. The former has many districts very fertile in green pasture. Its capital, of the same name, is a considerable sity, built of stone, and adorned with ane public places and squares. It has an university richly endowed, and contains 16,000 inhabitants. Guanca-Velica is bleak and cold, only distinguished for the rich mines of mercury, which once rendered it a flourishing place, but are now so much declined that the population is reduced to 5000. The little village of Ayscucho, which gives name to the department, was the theatre of the victory which (1894) delivered South America from the Spanish yoke.

Cuzco, the metropolis of the ancient empire of Peru, is situated east of these

provinces, and somewhat deep in the interior. The Peruvian fabrics of woollens and of cordovan leather, exist still on a considerable scale. Cusco, even in its fallen state, is still a handsome city. The cathedral is described as a noble pile. The Dominican church has been built from the materials of the ancient temple, on the same site, and the altar has taken place of the image of its deity. On an eminence are the walls of the fortress of the Incas, raised to a great height, and built of astonishing masses of atone. The city contains 32,000 inhabitants, of whom three-fourths are Indians, the rest mestiscs, with a few Spaniards. Cuzoo threw off the Spanish yoke earlier than Lima, but the city was soon retaken by the royalists, and remained with them till the final extinction of their power.

To the south of Cuzco, in the department of Puno, is the town of the same name, containing a college and 7000 inhabitants. Coquito is much decayed since the celebrated insurrection of Tupac Amaru, at the end of the last century, when

it had a population of 30,000.

The surface of Puno is much of it table-land, elevated 10,000 feet above the level of the sea. The climate is cold as compared with the coast, and very healthy: its productions are cattle, in great abundance, barley, always cut green for horses, and potatoes. It has also some manufactories of woollen cloths. lama, the vicuna, and the Alpaca, are very numerous: the latter are kept in flocks for the sake of their wool: they are a species of animal similar to the vicuna.

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This State is interesting from the variety, extent, and value of the minerals it affords. Gold is found in considerable quantity on the mountainous districts, but hitherto it has not been very extensively mined. It occurs associated with antimony, silver, and other minerals, and sometimes in masses of considerable size: the largest mass on record is one which was detached by means of lightning from a mountain near to La Paz, and for which 11,269 dollars were paid. But by far the greater part of the gold procured in Bolivia is obtained by washings, is shat of rivers: the most productive of these canaderos, or gold-washings, is that of Tipuani. Silver has hitherto been the principal metallic production of Bolivia, and has conferred on it its great celebrity. In the rich mountain of Potosi alone, according to records kept at Potosi, of the quintas, or royal duties, from the year 1745 to the year 1800, no less than \$23,950,509 dollars were coined during that period; and if to this be added the amount of the preceding years, not included, and that obtained in a clandestine manner, without the payment of the customary dues, not less than 1,647,901,018 dollars have been obtained from this source alone in the space of 255 years. The silver mines of Portogalete, in the province of Chicas, have acquired celebrity on account of the richness as well as the quantity of their ores, which yield from sixty to eighty marks of silver to the caxon, while those of Potosi only afford about ten marks from the same quantity ore. At La Plata, Porco, and Lipes, there are silver mines, especially one in the latter province, celebrated for the purity of its ores, which were formerly in great repute, but since eclipsed by the more important ones of Potosi and of other places. In Caranges there are rich silver mines; and formerly those of Oruro were very productive.

Bolivia is divided into seven departments:—Chuquisaca, La Paz, Potosi, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Moxos and Chiquitos. The capital is Chuquisaca, or La Plata, so named from the silver mines in its vicinity. It is a handsome city, containing about 12,000 inhabitants. Notwithstanding its astonishing elevation, the country round is fertile and smilling. There is an university numerously attended, and a library, said to be one of the best in South America.

IA Paz, with a population of 40,000, is the chief city of Bolivia, and is surrounded by the most interesting objects in that country. A few miles to the scuth is Mt. Illimani, and at some distance to the north rises that of Sorata, both already described as the highest mountains in the New World. At some distance to the

rest is the great lake of Titicoca, about 150 miles long, and the largest i

Bouth America.

Potosi cajoys the greatest fame of any city is this region, but retains few traces of the wealth which gained for it this celebrity. It is probably the most elevated city in the world, being 13,000 feet above the sea, and consequently higher than the Peak of Teneriffe. It is not a well-built town; the streets are narrow and irregular, and most of the houses indifferent. It has, however, a college and a mint. Reports vary greatly both as to its past and present population. The assertion that, in its most flourishing state, it ever contained 160,000, is probably based enggerated. It now contains 35,000 inhabitants.

There are some other considerable places in this region. Orure has not more than 4000 or 5000 inhabitants; but the mines in its vicinity were once important. Cochahamba, in the midst of a firtile though mountainous territory, has been said to contain 30,000 inhabitants. Santa Crux de la Sierra, situated amid an extensive plain in the eastward, is an ill-built town, with a population of about 9000.

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Causa, which has been called the Italy of South America, consists of a long parrow band of territory situated between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean. Its northern boundary is formed by the desert of Atacama, nearly on the tropic of Capricorn, or about 24° south, and its southern the Gulf of Guaiteca or Chilos, including the island of that name in about 44° thus embracing a length of 20° or 1400 miles. The boundary on the side of Buenos Ayres is formed by a line arawn along the culminant point of the Andes, and through their eternal snows. From this line to the coast of the Pacific must be measured the breadth of Chili, not averaging more than 200 miles. The superficial content is estimated at 172,000 square miles; from which, however, must be taken off the considerable portion held by the Araucanos.

The surface of Chili consists of portions the most strikingly dissimilar, but passing into each other by regular and insensible gradations. Between its moun-

tain and ocean limit is a transition from the frozen to the torrid zone, similar to that which takes place in Mexico and Colombia, though not quite so abrupt. The range of the Chilian Andes seems peculiarly massive and unbroken; and the per-petual snow which covers it to a considerable depth, even at the points chosen as of most easy access, cannot well consist with a height of less than 14,000 or 15,000 feet. The sides of these mountains are generally fertile and beautiful; foliage and verdure with rich pastures extend even to the border of the perpetual

some, and many of the upper valleys present such romantic and enchanting scenes, that Chili has been called the garden of South America.

It is, however, a heavy misfortune to the Chilians, that the ground is not secure under their feet. There are said to be 14 active volcances within Chili, beside several that occasionally or constantly discharge smoke. Repeated earthquakes have laid their cities in ruins; and from time to time shocks are felt, which even when elight are repudented that the contraction and earthquakes.

when slight are rendered dreadful by recollection and anticipation.

There is no river in Chili deserving the name. The Maule and Biobio are navigable for a short distance. Numberless torrents dash down from the steeps of the Cordillers, but with such rapidity that no boat can navigate their channel, and even in their estuaries the stream is too rapid to allow vessels to find in them

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a scoure harbour. In return, every quarter of the country has the advantage of being at a very short distance from the ess-cost.

Chili is a republic, under a president, and a congress of 56 members, elected by the different provinces. The executive power consists of the president and a council of four ministers. The national religion is the Reman Catholis; other sects are tolerated, but the public are more flourishing at a present thus they were formerly; previous to the year 1836, there was generally a deficit, but since that time there has always been a surplus of revenue over the expenditure. In 1838 the revenue amounted to \$2,975,000; expenditure, \$1,180,000; surplus \$1,180,000.

The army, under the pressure of circumstances, has been supported on a large scale, compared with the population and resources of Chili. That country sent into Peru, in support of the patriotic cause, no less than 7500 troops, who had been well disciplined, and who proved brave and effective. Besides these, about 8000 remained in the country. The militia consists chiefly of cavalry, who are ill disciplined, but brave, and admirable riders.

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The navy, though it distinguished itself under Lord Cochrane, never formed any considerable force, comprising only one ship of sixty guns, two or three of fifty, with some corvettes and gun-brigs. Being old ships purchased from Britain, and having been in hard service, they are now considerably decayed, and the present state of the Chilian resources will probably prevent much being done to re-

pair them.

Agriculture is carried on extensively, though with very rude implements, of the same form with those that were introduced 300 years ago. The plough is only a piece of knee timber, shod at one end with a flat plate of iron, into which a long pole is fixed by means of wedges. Wheat has been hitherto the chief object of agriculture; its quality is fine, though small-grained. Potatoes, in this their native soil, grow in perfection; pumpkins, lettuces, and cabbages are reared with care and success; and fruits, with but very little culture, are produced in profusion and of excellent quality. A good deal of wine is made, though not of the first excellence; the flavour of the best somewhat resembling Malaga. The greatest extent of ground, however, is laid out in cattle farms, which are managed with great success. The horses are small, but beautiful, and of fine temper and spirit, so that they are preferred to those of Buenos Ayres. The oxen and mules are equal to any in the world. Agriculture, as in Mexico, is much impeded by the enormous grants which were made to individuals at the time of the conquest; yet it is stated, that in many districts fine land may be obtained at the rate of a yet it is stated, that in many districts fine land may be obtained at the rate of a

The manufactures, as over all South America, consist only of coarse articles made by the country people for domestic use, with the simplest instruments. They bring to market ponchos, hats, shoes, coarse shifts, coarse earthenware, and some-

times jars of fine clay. Mining is the branch of industry for which Chili has been most celebrated, but it is not the source of her most substantial wealth. The mines occur in the interior from Coquimbo, in a barren tract in the northern part of the country. The metals are gold, silver, and copper. The latter is by far the most abundant, there being many hundred mines of it; the others are much rarer, and, as they attract more speculators, generally answer much worse: hence, the common saying is, that if a man finds a copper mine, he is sure to gain; if it be silver, he may gain or he may not; but if it be gold, he is sure to lose. At present the average produce of the gold and silver mines may be estimated at about 2,000,000 dollars, and that of copper at 1,150,000 dollars.

Commerce in Chili labours under great difficulties from its extreme remoteness; since it is separated by about half the circumference of the globe from the civilised countries of Europe, Asia, and even North America. The principal articles of export from Chili to Great Britain, the United States, and India, are the precious metals from Valparaiso, Coquimbo, Hussoo, and Copiapo. From the latter ports are shipped large quantities of copper, and from Valparaiso of hides. The chief exports from Concepcion are timber, wheat, flour, and fruits, principally to

Pern. Chili imports cottons, furniture, tobacco, &c., from the United States, manufactured articles of all descriptions from Great Britain, silks, wines, perfumery, &c., from France, spices, tes, sugar, coffee, &c., from other countries, At present the annual value of the trade with Great Britain is about 3,500,000 dollars, and of that with the United States, 1,250,000 dollars, exclusive of the supplies to the whalers and other ships. Beside their dealings with Europe, the Chilians have also a considerable trade with Peru, to which, as already mentioned, they export wheat, flour, &c.; they have also, notwithstanding the formidable obstacles opposed by the Andes, a considerable trade with Buenos Ayres.

Fishing is neglected by the Chilians, though many fine species are found in their seas. The shell-fish are particularly delicate.

The population of Chili, is more involved in doubt than that of any State of South America, but is believed from authentic accounts not to fall short of

The social state of Chili differs scarcely by a shade from that of the rest of Spanish America. There is the same native courteousness, politeness, kindness of heart, ignorance, extravagant love of diversion, abject superstition, and proof near, ignorance, extraggant love of diversion, anject supersition, and pro-pensity to quarrelling. This last passion, which among the lower orders is fed chiefly by a resort to pulperias, is alleged to be more prominent than among other Americans, and oftener productive of bloodshed. The ladies often can neither write nor read; but travellers join in praising their natural talents, and the un-studied grace of their manners. And some conceive the general deportment of those in the higher ranks to be almost unexceptionable.

The Catholic religion has hitherto reigned in inili with the same supremacy as in the other states; but under the new system, the convents have been very ensibly thinned, no one being allowed to take the vows under the age of twentyfive; and many of the religious shows and processions have been suppressed; a change not altogether agreeable to the body of the people, whom it has deprived of one of their favourite amusements. The Roman Catholic religion continues the exclusive one, though numerous heretics are allowed to live in the country without molestation. The Protestants have even a consecrated burial-place, though not the public exercise of their worship.

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vailed. It is believed that before the revolution, there was not a printing-press in the country. That since established at Santiago has been chiefly employed upon gazettes and political pamphlets. The government once proclaimed the freedom of the press; but as soon as an unfortunate writer, taking them at their word, began to criticise their measures, he was instantly seized and deported to the Isle of Juan Fernandez. The people, however, soon regained the freedom of the press, which they now enjoy in its full extent. The government do not seem to have shown the same zeal as elsewhere for the promotion of knowledge, though they have established Lancasterian schools in the principal towns; that of Santi-age containing 400 boys. The only fine art cultivated with any ardour by the Chilians is music, their application to which is truly indefatigable: the girls being set down to it almost from infancy, and having constant practice at their evening parties. The importation of piano-fortes is said to be truly immense. They do not play with consummate science, but with considerable feeling and taste.

The habitations of the lower ranks in Chili are of the most rude and primitive construction: the walls merely of stakes crossing each other, and fastened with thongs, or hemp twine; the roofs, which must resist the rain, composed of branches plastered with mud and covered with palm leaves.

The negro population of Chili has never been numerous, and the slaves have

always been employed for domestic purposes, and treated with much kindness, the laws of the country being very favourable to them. In 1811, a law was enacted, declaring free after that period all children of slaves born in Chili; and in 1825, the number of slaves was so far diminished, that it was thought expedient to abolish slavery altogether.

Chili corresponds to the old Spanish captain generalship of the same name. In 1824, it was divided into eight provinces, which are subdivided into districts.

_	Provinces.	Chief Towns.	Population.
,	Santiago	Santiago	. 50,000
	Aconcagua	. San Felipe	5,000
	Coquimbo	. Coquimbo	. 10.000
	Colchagna	. Curico	2.000
	Maule Concepcion	. Cauquenes	2.000
	Concepcion	. Concepcion	8,000
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Santiago seems to derive its pre-eminence from its fertile and agreeable territory, particularly in the plain of Maypó, and that which surrounds the capital; from its mines of gold and silver, a more brilliant, though really not so valuable an object as the copper mines of Coquimbo; and from the residence of the go-

Santiago, the capital, is situated in a richly wooded plain, at an elevation of 2600 feet above the sea, which renders the climate agreeable and salubrious. Its aspect is irregular and picturesque. The dark tints of the fig and olive, with the lighter hues of the mimosa, mingled with steeples and houses, produce a novel and imposing effect. The houses having in general only one floor, and being surrounded by large gardens, the town appears completely overshadowed with foliage. Each house, in general, stands by itself, and, being strongly barricaded towards the street, forms a little fortress. They are one or two stories high, and built of adobes or unburnt brick. The streets, however, are regularly laid out, paved, and furnished with footpaths; the cathedral, several of the churches, and the director's palace, may be reckoned handsome, though they do not exhibit any thing very splendid in architecture. The Alameda, a mile in length, and planted with a double row of trees, is one of the finest promenades in South America. The river Maypocho runs through the city; but being, like most in this country, dry at one season and swoln to an overwhelming torrent at another, it has been necesary to erect not only a bridge, but a wall to confine the violer to of the stream. The vicinity of Santiago presents the most romantic and subl.me prospects: on one side over an expanse of plan bounded by the distant ocean, on the other over successive mountain ranges crowned by the awful snowy pinnacles of the Andea.

Valparaiso, the port of Santiago, and the main seat of Chilian commerce, is situated on a long narrow strip of land bordering a semicircular bay, over which impend on all sides steep cliffs nearly 2000 feet high, and sparingly covered with shrubs and stunted grass. One street, about three miles long, runs along the sea, and contains the houses of the most opulent citizens; it is prolonged by the Almendral, or Almond Grove, a sort of detached village, which forms the most agreeable residence. The lower ranks are huddled into the quebradas, or ravines, among the hills behind. None of the buildings are handsome; even the governor's house is scarcely tolerable; but the commercial progress of the town is marked by the many new and handsome warehouses erected. Originally a mere village, it acquired some importance by becoming the channel for conducting the intercourse with Lima, to which all the trade of Chili was then confined. All the commerce of the world being now thrown open to it, and numerous settlers attracted from Europe, it has acquired a population of 14,000 or 15,000, and assumed almost the appearance of an English town. During the summer, which lasts from November to March, the bay affords a safe and pleasant anchorage; but in winter, especially in June and July, precautions are required against the north wind, which blows often with peculiar violence.

Quillots is a small but agreeable town, a little in the interior, in the province of Aconcagua, with 8000 inhabitants; and higher up are the towns of San Feline and Santa Ross, each having about 5000 inhabitants, and containing an industrious

and thriving agricultural population.

Coquimbo is the most agrithern province of Chili; but, instead of assuming a gayer aspect as it approaches the brilliant regions of the tropic, it becomes more and more sterile. At the town of Coquimbo, or La Serena, even the brushwood which covered the hills round Valparaiso disappears, and its place is only supplied

by the prickly pear bush, and a scanty sprinkling of wiry grass; while at Hussec, farther north, there is no longer a trace of vegetation. It is only on the banks of the streams that the eye is gratified with verdure, cultivation, and pasturage. Its importance arises solely from its mines, which include gold, silver, and copper, of which the latter is the most productive. The commerce connected with the mines gives some importance to the port of Coquimbo; though the inhabitants, unaccusioned to any varied traffic, retain much native simplicity, kindness, and hencetality.

Copiapo is in the heart of the mining district, of which it may be considered the capital. This place is subject to the dreadful calamity of being once in about every twenty-three years completely destroyed by earthquake. That of 1819 shook it entirely to pieces; the wrecks of its houses and churches lying scattered in every direction. The walls, though three or four feet thick, of large sun-dried bricks, seem to have toppled down, some inwards, some outwards, like so many castles of cards. The people had all crowded to the great church of La Mercéd, which they were judiciously advised to leave, and had scarcely quitted it when it fell to the ground, and would have buried the whole population had they remained. The Copiapians, in 1821, rebuilt their fallen city. Copiapo is bounded on the north by the desert of Atacama, which separates Chili from Bolivia, and is considered as helposing to the letter fallen city.

dered as belonging to the latter.

Concepcion, a more southern province of Chili, is the most highly endowed with the real bounties of nature. All the grain and fruits of the finest temperate cli-mate are reared in such abundance as to make this the granary and garden of South America. Wheat of excellent quality is the staple, and the southern markets are chiefly supplied from Concepcion; to which may be added barley, maize, poles, and all kind of vegetables. It yields also a sweet wine, the best in the New World, which is reckoned equal to Frontignac, and for which the demand at Lima is almost unlimited. The cattle farms are also numerous and valuable, yielding a large export of jerked beef. The town of Concepcion, with four conventual churches, a numery, a cathedral in progress, and many handsome houses inhabited by some of the old Spanish nobles, might almost have disputed with Santiago the rank of capital of Chili. The houses, like those of Santiago, were mostly of one story, built of mud or sun-dried brick, and forming regular streets mostly of one story, built of mud or sun-dried brick, and forming regular streets at right angles to each other. The people were peculiarly kind and hospitable, and their gay and festive habits were accompanied with comparatively few irregularities. But it suffered with peculiar severity from the late contest; alternately occupied by the Spaniards and the patriots, it was rudely treated by both, but especially the former. After having in some measure recovered from the calamities of war, the town was entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 1835. Talcahuano, the port of Concepcion, is a small town of about 500 inhabitants, on a large bay, with a good and secure anchorage. Its defences have the reputation of being very strong; but during the late war they were neglected; wherefore, being of mud, and incapable of resisting the heavy rains of the country, they are nearly suincel.

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Valdivia comprises a territory of about 120 by about 120 miles in extent, watered by three rivers, and containing several plains that are very productive in grain and cattle. There is scarcely any European culture; but the missionaries have, at different points, succeeded in forming the Indians into peaceable and toletably industrious little communities. The town of Valdivia is situated about sixteen miles above its port, which is defended by strong batteries, and is the best and most capacious harbour of Chili; it will be of great value when the surrounding country becomes more populous and civilised. Osorno, built about forty miles distant, is the most southern town in the New Continent.

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The territory of the Araucanos, or Arauco, is an extensive district, which interse itself between the Spanish districts of Concepcion and Valdivia. It extends north and south for about three degrees of latitude, reaching inland to the mountains. This region, celebrated in Spanish story and song, is described as really one of the finest in South America. The Araucanos, having adopted the rude agriculture of the Spaniards, raise Indian corn in abundance; they grow most

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admirable potatoes, which are, probably, indigenous; and have a good stock of houses and borned cattle. The whole country is divided into four districts, governed by hereditary rulers, called toquis, confederated together for their own benefit, and the injury of their neighbours. Particular districts are ruled by subcordinate chiefs, also hereditary, called admense. When war is declarance, the toquis elect one of themselves, or even some other chief, who assumes the supreme command. They have appended the European musket to their own original arms of the bow, arrow, and club. When they set forth on an expedition, each individual merely carries a small bag of parched meal, trusting that ere long he will be comfortably quartered on the territory of his enemies. During the Spanish dominion every new governor of Chili generally endeavoured to distinguish himself by the conquest of Aranco; and having assembled an army, he usually beat them in the field; but he soon found himself obliged, by a continued servinder of harassing warfare, to sue for peace from a proud race, whom nothing would ever induce to make the first advances. Though resisting all attempts at conquest, they have entered into a treaty with the republican government, and even agreed to a species of political union, though a long interval must elapse before this can be completely effected.

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The island of Chiloe is the southernmost province of Chili: it is in length, from north to south, 120 miles, and in the widest part about 60 miles broad: the whole island is mountainous and covered with trees. The climate is rather damp and rainy, but notwithstanding healthy. The inhabitants are in appearance like northern Europeans, manly, athletic, robust, and fresh coloured. The productions are wheat, barley, potatoes, and most kinds of European vegetables and fruits. The island swarms with hoge: its hams are celebrated, and are exported in considerable quantities. The inhabitants are very cheerful, and appear to be the happiest race alive; their amusements are singing and dancing. Murder, robbery, or persons being in debt, are never heard of. The principal towns are St. Carlos, the capital, Chacao, Dalcahue, and Castro; all of them have good harbours, in which vessels of any burthen may anchor with perfect safety. The islands attached to Chiloe are 63 in number, of which 36 are inhabited: they are situated eastward, and between it and the coast of Patagonia, and are denominated the

Archipelage of Chiloe.

The Islands of Juan Fernandes may be considered as an appendage of Chili. They form a group of two small islands, called Mas-a-Tierra, and Mas-a-Fuero. The principal island is so diversified by lofty hills, streams, and varied vegetatior, that it has been described as one of the most enchanting spots on the globe. It was early noted as being the solitary residence of Alexander Selkirk, during several years; an event upon which Defoe founded his celebrated narrative of Robinson Crusco. The island afterwards afforded to Anson the means of recruiting his shattered squadron, after the passage of Cape Horn. It has been used by the Chilians as a place for confining convicts, but was recently granted to a North American merchant, who proposes to make it a depôt for supplying trading and whaling vessels with provisions.

REPUBLIC OF BUENOS AYRES.

(LA PLATA, OR ARGENTINE REPUBLIC)

Burnos Avers, or La Plata, is the name given to an extensive region of South America, and which, under Spanish dominica, formed one of the principal vice-royalties. It had then annexed to it Upper Peru, including the mines of Potosi; but this country has, by recent events, been severed from it, and forms now an independent republic under the name of Bolivia. The remaining territory consists chiefly of detached cities, with surrounding cultivated tracts, which form, as it were, cases in a vast expanse of uninhabited plain. Buenos Ayres, the principal city, and commanding the navigation of the river, has endeavoured to form the whole into a republic, of which she herself shall be the capital, or at least the

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Sederal head; but there reigns through the different districts, a strong provincial spirit, which has hitherto rendered this union inverfect and precarious.

Buenes Ayres may, in a very general view, be considered as occupying nearly the whole breadth of America, south from the tropic of Capricorn, leaving only e narrow strip of Chili on the west, and on the east a section cut out of it by Brazil. On the north the Pilcomayo, while it runs from west to east, forms the natural boundary from Upper Peru; but after its great bend to the south, the line must be considered as continued eastward, cutting the Faraguay River, and onwards to the Parana. On the east, the boundary of Brazil say be considered as fixed by the Parana and the Uraguay, though the districts immediately west of those streams have not, since the revolution, been actually possessed by Buenor Ayres; and south of the Plata, the Atlantic is the clear boundary. On the south, the Rio Negro terminates the settlements in this quarter. On the west, the uniform boundary is Chili, separated by the lofty summits of the Andes. The contents of this very extensive territory are calculated at about 860,000 square

The surface of this territory consists of a plain the most extensive and uniform, perhaps, on the face of the earth, bounded only by the eastern slope of the Andes.

The Pampas, west from Buenos Ayres, form an uninteresting level of more than
1000 miles across. This plain is divided into ""ee successive portions: the first covered with thick clover and flowering thistles, that rise sometimes to the height of ten or eleven feet; then 450 miles of long grass, without a weed; lastly, a forest of low evergreen trees and shrubs, standing so wide, that a horse can gallop through them. At the end of this ocean plain, the Andes shoot up abruptly their wall of unbroken rock, covered with eternal snow, which to the traveller from the cast appears to present an impenetrable barrier. The banks of the Plata consist also of immense plains, though not quite so level, nor covered with such varied

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Of the tivers of this region, the chief is the Rio de La Plata, which enters the Ocean with a breadth of 150 miles, and is navigable for vessels of the greatest burthen to the city of Buenos Ayres, and was formerly so for ships of considerable size to Assumpcion, 1000 miles in the interior; but this is now impracticable, owing to accumulations of sand which have obstructed the course of the channel. The La Plata is properly a continuation of the river Paraguay, which, flowing south from the centre of the continent, after passing the marshy Lake of Parayes, receives from the centre and border of Bolivia, the Pilcomaya and Vermejo, both navigable. At Corrientee, 900 miles from the sea, the Paraguay is joined by the Parans, which robe the former of its name; flowing onwards the united current ceives from the west the Salado, and from the north the Uruguay, when the collected waters of this great stream, now 30 miles in width and completely fresh, are finally merged in the Rio de La Plata, and mingle with the Ocean after a course of about 2900 miles. Large rivers, the Saladillo, and the Colorado, run across the Pampas, and are supposed to reach the Atlantic. The latter rises in the Cordillera east of Coquimbo, and has a course of 1000 miles, during which it forms numerous lakes; but it has not yet attained any commercial importance; and another, the Rio Negro, forms the extreme southern boundary.

There are several lakes, as that of Ibera in the Entre Rice, fully 80 miles in length; some round Mendoza, formed by the streams descending from the Andes; and others farther in the interior; but none of these can be said to correspond in grandeur to the other features of this region.

The constitution of Buenos Ayres is that of a representative republic. The

legislative power is exercised by two chambers, the representatives and the sens-tors; the farmer consisting of forty-four deputies elected by the direct suffrages of the provinces, and renewed by half their number every two years; the senate is formed by two deputies for each province, making thirty in all, who are renewed by one-third at a time: they are elected by eleven members of each province. The executive power is exercised by a president, holding his office for five years. The powers of the president are constitutionally very extensive, and the government, though nominally democratic, is now almost an absolute dictatorahip.

The province of Buence Ayres alone supports the government expenditure; the other provinces contributing nothing to the general expenses of the confederation. The revenue, in 1837, amounted to \$12,000,000, and the public debt to Ass. An erevenue, in 1831, amounted to \$12,000,000, and the public cent to \$35,967,186. In 1831, a war occurred with Brazil, respecting the possession of the Banda Oriental (Uruguay), established as an independent State in 1838. More recently La Plata has been involved in disputes, both with France and Bolivia, and a war is new (1845) raging with Uruguay. These wars retard the prosperity of the country, which requires but a few years of peace and good government to become flourishing and wealthy.

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The agricultural produce consists almost entirely in the vast heres of horses and horsed cattle which cover those boundless plains, clothed with rich herbage, which constitute the Pampas. The gaucho, or farmer, has no care in rearing or feeding; he has only to throw over them the lasso, or long lexthern noose, to kill feeding; he has only to throw over them the lasso, or long leathern moose, to hill or drive them into Buenos Ayres, and in the case of horses, to break them, and put a mark on them by which they may be known. Beef can scarcely be said to bear any price, since a cow may be had for twenty shillings, and the hide is worth more than half that sum. Wheat and barley are cultivated immediately round Buenos Ayres, the grain being threshed by making cattle gallop over it. For many years it was necessary to import foreign flour, but sufficient grain is now raised, not only for home consumption, but also for exportation. The milk is not made into cheese or butter; and garden vegetables are no object of culture, the gaucho considering them as food fit only for beasts. In shis noted and exposed country, there is a creet want of timber for fuel; the peach tree has been found to country there is a great want of timber for fuel; the peach tree has been found to grow, and answer the purpose of fuel better than any other. Paraguay produces its herb, or state, of which the infusion, like that of tea, is prized over all the most southern countries of America. Quantities of this commodity were formerly sent down the river to the value of 1,000,000 dollars in the year; but the government of Paraguay prohibited its exportation.

There is scarcely any manufacture, except that of ponchos, or riding cleaks, which are universally worn, and from habit are made better than those hitherto supplied by the Manchester manufacturers, who are exerting themselves, however, to improve the fabric of this article. The indolence, which the South Americans inherit from the Spaniards, will, probably, long prevent them from

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The commerce of Buenos Ayres is large, compared with the population and general wealth of the State. The country is dependent on foreign supplies for almost every article, both of manufactured goods and colonial produce, in return for which it gives the refuse of its cattle, hides, horns, hair, and tallow. The exports, in 1837, were to the amount of \$5,637,000, and the imports about \$7,000,000. The imports from the United States are usually of the value of \$2,000,000, and from Great Britain \$3,500,000. The trade with Great Britain has increased considerably. An extensive inlead trade is also carried on by large wargons, which are driven across the Pannas is Mendous, and other large wagons, which are driven across the Pampas to Mendoza, and other towns at the foot of the Cordillers. They carry manufactured and colonial goods, and bring back wine, brandy, and mineral produce. The intercourse with the countries up the river is, at present, obstructed by political causes.

The population of the territory of Buenos Ayres bears, undoubtedly, a very small proportion to its vast extent. It is by no means well ascertained, but is generally supposed not to exceed 700,000.

Society, over all Spanish America, wears a very uniform aspect. The creples, now everywhere the ruling class, are scute, polits, courteous, indelent, unenterprising, passionately fond of diversion, especially in the forms of dancing and gaming. Every lady holds her textulia, or evening party, to which even the passing stranger will sometimes be invited. They are less charged with intrigue, however, than in some other great cities of South America; the conduct of the venue ladies is very strictly watched, and they are married at the conduct of the young ladies is very strictly watched, and they are married at thirteen or four-teen. The lower ranks pass through the streets in a very orderly manner; but they are too much addicted to frequenting pulperias, or drinking-houses, where gaming sometimes gives rise to deadly quarrels. Horses being easily procured at Buenos Ayres, it is an object of pride to keep a number of fine quality, on the equipment of which the inhabitants often bestow more care than on the due clothing of their own persons. Every one has a horse; even the beggar begs on horseback.

The Gauchos, who inhabit the wide surface of the Pampas, and appropriate the numberless herds that roam over them, are a very singular race. The gaucho is at once the most active and the most indolent of mortals. He will scour the country whole days at full gallop, breaking wild horses, or chasing the jaguar or the cetrich; but once alighted and seated on the skeleton of a horse's head, nothing can induce him to move. He considers it a degradation to set his foot to the ground; so that, notwithstanding a general vigour almost preternatural, the lower limbs are weak and bent, and he is incapable of walking to any distance. His dwelling is a mud cottage, with one apartment, and so swarming with insects, that in summer the whole family, wrapped in skins, sleep in the open air. All round is a desert, with the exception of the corral or circular spot, enclosed by stakes, into which the cattle are driven. Neither grain nor vegetables are cultivated; not is the cow made to yield milk. Beef is the only food; and it is roasted, or rather twisted, on large spits stuck in the floor, in a slanting direction, so as to overhang the fire, a twist being from time to time given, to expose all sides of the meat in succession, and slices are cut by the surrounding family: the juices, of course, fall into the fire, and are lost. A certain proportion become robbers, for which vocation these decolate plains afford scope.

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The Indians of the Pampas, a savage and terrible race, driven before the Gauchos, have in no degree coalesced with them, but continue in a state of deadly and raging hostility. Whoever encounters them in these wilds must expect death in its most terrible forms for his immediate lot; and the travellers, meeting each other, ask with trembling voice, if any Indians have been seen on the route. They appear of the genuine Arauco breed; are nobly mounted, having each two or three horses, so that, when one is exhausted, the rider leaps on another. They delight in midnight expedition and surprise. On reaching the hat of an unfortunate Gaucho, these marauders set fire to the roof, when the family, who, at the same time, hear the wild cry which announces their doom, must rush to the door, and are instantly killed, without any distinction, except of the young girls, who are placed on horseback, and carried off to serve as wives, in which capacity they are well treated. A large body were lately in a state of regular war with the colonists, but they have been defeated, and driven beyond the Colorado.

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The Catholic religion prevails exclusively in these States, as over all South America; but the splendour of the churches, and the endowments of the clergy, appear to be greater here, compared at least with the means of supporting them, than in any other province. There prevails, also, a particular laxity in the conduct of the clergy. A late traveller, one Sunday evening, in passing the arens for cock-fighting, saw a number of clergymen, each with a fighting-cock under his arm. The government at Buenos Ayres has shown a considerable activity in reforming the abuses of the church, having suppressed a number of convents, and at one time prohibited any accession to the number of monks and nuns; but the influence of these communities is still very strong in the interior provinces, to which this conduct of Buenos Ayres has rather served as a ground of disunion.

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Knowledge, as in the other new States, is encouraged by the government, without having yet made any very deep impression on the body of the people. Several large schools have been established on the plan of mutual instruction, and an university has even been founded, without permission from the pope; but it is little more than a classical school.

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The city of Buence Ayres is situated on the southern bank of the Rio de la Plana, about 200 miles above its month; and, being raised about twenty feet above the river, and presenting the spires of numerous churches and convents, it makes rather a fine appearance. The houses are new, built of brick, white-washed, and with flat roofs, over which may be taken a pleasant and even extensive walk. The windows are protected by iron bars, causing each mansion to resemble a lock-up house, and to form, indeed, a complete fortification. The town, on the whole, is rather handsome, especially the houses surrounding the great square. The environs on the land side have a very monotonous aspect, being animated neither by varied vegetation, nor by the chirping of birds. The population is estimated at 70,000. Large vessels cannot approach nearer than two or three leagues.

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The province of Entre Rios, which is situated higher up, between the Uruguay and the Plata, derives from these two rivers some of the most extensive and rich alluvial plains on the surface of the globe. Even the swampy and inundated tracts might easily be converted into the most luxuriant meadows. The herb of Paraguay is found there, and it is supposed might be produced of equally good quality as in the upper quarter, where only it has been hitherto reared in perfection. Corrientes, at the junction of the Paraguay and the Parana, must, from this happy situation, rise in time much above its present moderate importance. Lower down, on the opposite side of the river, is Santa Fé, distant eighty leagues from Buenos Ayres, which has risen to considerable importance by becoming a depút for the goods on the river. This city, with its district, has formed itself at present into an independent State, strongly repelling all union with Buenos Ayres. The possibility of the town is not supposed to exceed 4000.

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Cordova, Tucuman, and Salta form together an extensive region, which has been often comprehended under the general appellation of Tucuman. They fill up part of the interval between the Paragray and the Andes, which does not consist of dead level plains, like those in the south, but is crossed by branches of the Andes, and even by parallel chains. Between these mountains are found valleys and extended plains of great fartility, in which every species of tropical produce is raised; but the prevailing stock consists in cattle, sheep, and, above all, mules, which, being indispensable for conveyance across the Andes, are reared with great care, and exported in great numbers to Peru. The people bear the reputation of

which, being indispensable for conveyance across the Andes, are reared with great care, and exported in great numbers to Peru. The people bear the reputation of being more industrious, religious, and orderly, than those of the other provinces.

Of the capitals of these provinces, Cordova is a neat small town, well paved, with a handsome cathedral and market-place. It possesses the only university in the interior provinces, which has recently produced some men of considerable eminence. It carries on a manufacture of cloth, and a trade in mules. Saita is a considerable place of 400 houses, situated in the beautiful valley of Lerma, on the high read from Buenos Ayres to Potosi. It is the capital of a bishopric. About 60,000 mules are reared in the neighbourhood. An annual fair is held in February and March for mules and horses. The people, and those of other towns in the district, have a hard struggle to maintain with the tribes of unsubdued Indians, who hem them in on all sides. Tucuman and Santiago del Estero are also eld towns, situated in fertile plains, and deriving some importance from their position on the main routs from Buenos Ayres to Peru. Near Tucuman are some silvermines, not yet worked.

Mendoza, a province separated from that of Cordova, consists of some beautiful, fine, and well-watered valleys, overshadowed by the amazing rocky and snowy steeps of the Andes. Its staples are the same as at Cordova, mules, wool, cloth. A considerable number of mines of gold, silver, and copper occur both here and

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Parasuay is situated between the Parama and Paraguay rivers. It is a fine agricultural district, and is probably 500 miles in length, and upwards of 200 in breadth. The soil is extremely fartile and abounds in various vegetable productions, and wast herds of cattle and horses feed on its rich plains. The population is supposed to be about 200,000, of whom 10,000 or 12,000 are probably white, and the remainder mestices and Indians.

This State declared its independence in the year 1813, and established a government of two consuls. In 1814 the second consul, Dr. Francia, a native creole, found means to get himself made dictator for three years; and, at the expiration of that term, for life. In 1836 he proclaimed Paraguay independent; and its independence was formally recognised by the emperor of Brazil. Francia administered the government with great rigour and severity, maintained the most rigid police in every part of his territories, and strictly prohibited all-intercourse with foreign countries. Those foreigners who entered Paraguay were seldom allowed to depart. This singular man lived without any show or parade, and on the pialnest food. He maintained his power unimpaired to the last, and died in the year 1840, at an advanced age. A junta of five persona have since assumed the reins of government.

The cabildo, or municipal government of the several towns, is chosen annually by the people. Indiana, as well as creeles and mixed breeds, are eligible to these offices. There is, as is stated, perfect security for person and property: each district is made responsible for every theft committed within it. All the inhabitants are instructed in the first radiments of education. Public schools are established everywhere. Every person is required to be employed at some business or other, and wendicity is unknown; and notwithstanding the strictness and rigour of the dictator's government, the people appear to be contented and happy. Assumption, the metropolis, is a considerable place, with about 7000 inhabit

and mennicity is unknown; and notwithstancing the strictness and rigour of the dictator's government, the people appear to be contented and happy. Assumption, the metropolis, is a considerable place, with about 7000 inhabitants, but with little regularity and beauty. It is built on a bank above the river, which is daily washing away part of the ground beneath it. This place, with the smaller ones of Curugustty and Villa Rica, were the staples for the herb of Paragusy. Neembook, Conception, and Itapus, are also small towns, with a population of 2000 or 2000 creates.

The herb or tee which derives its name from this region, is an evergreen plant or small tree, of the holly family. It grows wild in the woods fringing the rivers and streams which fall into the Urugusy, Parans and Paragusy. The use of this herb is general in Buence Ayres, and also in Chili, Peru, and some parts of Co-

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The autom has been derived from the aborigines, and it is so unit sed that it is estimated 50,000 quintals were used in 1800. To drink sally diffused that it is estimated 50,000 quintals were used in 1800. The drink this infusion, it is sometiment to put a pinch of the leaves into a cup, or small cale-bash called maté (from which the name of the plant, yerra maté, is derived), fall of hot water, and to drink off the fluid immediately, by imbibing it through a little tube or sucker, pierced with holes in the lower part, which only allow the passage of the water, and keep back the leaves that float on the surface. Sugar and a little lemon-peci are added to improve the flavour. It is usually sipped the first thing in the morning and paramit times in the course of the day. It was the little lemon-peel are added to improve the flavour. It is usually sipped the first thing in the morning, and several times in the course of the day. It was the common practice to pass the same tube from mouth to mouth, but the custom is becoming unfashionable. Novices frequently burn their lips or scald the tongue. The Jesuits planted many of these trees round their towns and missions, for the convenience of preparing and exporting the leaf; but their example has not been followed, and the plants are mostly found in wild and sociuded spots.

The South Americans ascribe many virtues to this plant, which is certainly aperient and diuretic. Like opium, it produces some singular and contrary effects, giving eleep to the restless and spirit to the torpid. Those who have once contracted the habit of taking it, do not find it easy to leave it off, or even to use it in moderation; though when taken to excess, it brings an similar disorders to those produced by the immoderate use of strong liquors.

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URUGUAY.

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The tract of country which wes north of the Rio de la Plata and east of the Uruguay, was once a province of the Argentine Republic, under the name of the Banda Oriental. At 1821, it was taken by the Brazilians, and was incorporated with their empire by the title of Provincia Cisplatina. In 1825 however, it declared

with their empire by the title of Provincia Cisplatina. In 1825 however, it declared its independence, which was recognised, in 1828, by a treaty between Brazil and Buenos Ayres. A war is now (1845) in progress between the latter power and the Republic. Urugusy is an integral and not a federal republic. It is divided into aine departments. Area, 92,000 square miles. Population, 150,000.

Monte Video, the capital of the republic, stands on the northern bank of the La Plata, and has the best harbour upon that river, which, however, is exposed to the violence of the pamperos or south-west winds. It suffered severely while under the sway of Artigas, and subsequently by the wars between Buenos Ayres and Brazil, and the contest now waging; its population is reduced to about 12,000. It is well-built, with wide and regular streets, and the country around is agreeshly diversified with hills and valleys; the gardens abound with the finest fruits and flowers, but there is otherwise little cultivation; though extensive cattle farms are found in the interior. It exports large quantities of hides. Below Monte Video is the small port of Maldonado, and above, the still smaller one of Colonia del Sacramento, with a good harbour.

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In this State, high up on the Uruguay river, are the remains of some of the settlements and towns called the Missions, which have been the theme of sloquence, of history, and of song. The Jesuits, on these beautiful and remote plains, collected into a body nearly 100,000 of the natives, from the ignorant wandering and fierce tribes in the vicinity, who lived under their sway, and paid them a homage bordering almost on adoration. They trained them to arts and manufactures, and brought them to reliab the blessings of security and order; they carried on agriculture with great success, and were also armed and disciplined after the European method. The Jesuits appear to have been enlightened and humane, and certainly there is no parallel to their success, in modern history. They were, however, suspected by the ccurt of Spain of aiming at the establishment of an independent empire in South America, subject to them alone; and on the suppression of their order in Europe, the Jesuits were driven from their set-

ats, which, being taken under the control of the crown until the suppre tionesses, which, being taken under the control of the grown duti the supersion of Spanish authority in America, have fallen into decay, and do not at this time probably contain the one-tenth of the population of their days of prosperity.

The principal town is the missions is San Francisco Borja, containing about 1800 inhabitants.

PATAGONIA.

Parasonia is in fell possession of an Indian race, all mounted on horseback, and in habits and aspect closely resembling those who desolate the Pampas. They have drawn the attention of navigators by their size, and have been actually reported as a nation of giants. Although this be exaggerated, yet they really seem tall above the ordinary standard. They are described to be excellent homemen. The eastern coast of this country is bordered by a prolongation of the Andes; but these mountains, after passing Chili, display no longer that stupendous elevation which has marked so great a portion of their range. Their general height from thence to the Straits of Magellan is not supposed to exceed 3000 feet, though some peaks rise to 5000 or 6000, when they wear a most dreary aspect, being covered with perpetual ice and snow. This part of the chain has no valley interposed between it and the occas, whose storms wayes best direct against its cliffs. posed between it and the ocean, whose stormy waves beat direct against its cliffs, and have furrowed the land into almost numberiese islands, separated from the continent and each other by long and narrow channels. One continental peninsula alone, that of 'a'res Montes, is said to be directly exposed to the waves of the Pacific. Of these isles, the largest and most northerly, called Wellington, is separated from the continent by the channel of Mesier, 180 miles long, whose shores are bordered by low hills, covered with thick woods. To the southward is the archipelago of Madre de Dios, which is little known; but the channel of Concepcion, which divides it from the continent, is broad and safe, and the opposite coast deeply indented with bays, the principal of which, called St. Andrew, is terminated by abrupt mountains, covered by enormous glaciers. Next follows Hanover Island, of considerable extent, and to the south of it a numerous group, called the Archipelago of Queen Adelaide, which borders on the Straits of Ma-

Opposite to the southern boundary of the American coast extends the dreary region of Tierra del Frego. Narrow straits, crowded with islets, divide it into three parts, of which the most eastern, and much the largest, is called King Charles's Land; the middle and smallest Clarence Island; the most westerly, Desolation Land. Between Tierra del Fuego and the continent extends the long narrow winding strait, celebrated under the name of Magellan, who by it first

penetrated into the Pacific Ocean.

Staten Land, another large island, lies off the eastern coast, from which it is separated by the Straits of Le Maire. One of the islands belonging to the group, called Hermit is remarkable to the group. separated by the Straits of Le Maire. One of the islands belonging to the group, called Hermit, is remarkable as containing Cape Horn, the most southerly point of America, and facing directly the wastes of the ocean which surround the Antarctic pole. It was once deemed "infamous for tempests;" but it is now found that in a proper season Cape Horn may be passed with little danger, and it is commonly preferred to the winding and difficult channel of Magellan. The Petcherais, who inhabit Tierra del Fuego, are a handful of miserable savages, in the lowest state of wretchedness, and sobsisting solely by the shell-fish which they pick up on the shore. The Spaniards made an early attempt to form a settlement at Port Famine, in the middle of the strait, but could not maintain it.

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of the straits is covered in a great measure with extensive plains, or pampas; but from Port St. Julian, in about 49° S. lat. to 44°, it is broken by considerable eminences. Ports Desire, St. Julian, and Santa Cruz, afford tolerable anchorage, often resorted to by vessels destined for the southern fishery. The natives are seldom seen on this coast, which they are said to frequent only for the purpose of

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Europe, though it is the least of those four great divisions of the globe to which geographers have applied the name of Continents, holds the second place in the scale of population, and the first in importance, whether considered with respect to itself or to its influence on the rest of the world. It is the theatre most crowded with civil and political events. Here the moral perceptions, the mostal powers, and the physical energies of man have made the greatest progress; here arts, sciences, and civilization have flourished and continue to flourish in unrivalled splendour; and here too, man enjoys all that superiority which these attainments so pre-eminently confer.

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Europe is bounded on the north by the Arctic Ocean, and on the west by the Atlantic. On the south, the grand inlet of the Mediterranean divides it from Africa; and the Grecian Archipelago, with its subordinate branch, connected only by a narrow strait, the Euxine or Black Sea, divides it from a great part of Asia. Between the north-east extremity of the Black Sea and the Northern Ocean is an interval of 1400 or 1500 miles of land, forming the eastern boundary of Europe, of which about one-half is occupied by the Ural Mountains, and the remainder by the Rivers Volga and Don. The length of Europe, from the western part of Portugal to the Ural Mountains on the east, is about 3300 miles; and from the North Cape in Norway, to the southern extremity of Greece, 2350; a rea being about 3,250,000 square miles.

The form of this continent is singularly broken and varied. While Asis, Africa, and the two Americas are each formed into a vast inland expanse, Europe is split into many distinct portions; peninsulas, large islands, and bringdoms, with extended and winding coasts. This form arises chiefly out of its inland case, which penetrate farther, and are more deeply embayed, than those of any other part of the globe. Numerous gulfis, scarcely escondary in magnitude and importance, branch out from them. The mountains and the plains of Europe do not display those immense unbroken groups, or those level and almost endless expanses, which give so vast and monotonous a character to the interior regions of Asia and Africa. In general they are separated into smaller portions, and are happily and commodiously interchanged. They have kept Europe divided into a number of separate mations, holding easy intercourse. Probably, this relative position has been one great cause of that intellectual activity, and those vigorous exertions in all liberal and ingenious arts, which have raised this part of the globe to so high a pre-eminence. The immense inland plains of Russia and Poland, presenting an aspect wholly Asiatic, remained, even after the civilization and improvement of all western Europe, sunk in the deepost barbarism, from which they are but slowly and with difficulty emerging.

The surface of Europe is very diversified. Its mountains do not reach that stupendous height, nor stretch in such unbroken chains, as those of Asia and America. The principal ranges of mountains are the Scandinavian, or Dofrafield range, the Pyrenees, Alpa, Apaunines, and Carpathians. The Scandinavian chain commences at the southern extremity of Nerway, and, running north, soon becomes the boundary between Sweden and Nerway. The Pyrenees run in an easterly direction, from the southern part of the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean, forming the boundary between France and Spais. The Alpa, the leftiest mountains in Europe, form the western and sorthern boundary of Italy, separating it from France, Switzerland, and Germany. The Apennines commence near the Mediterranean, at the south-western extremity, and pursuing an easterly course around the Gulf of Genoa, turn to the south-east, and pass in that direction to the southern extremity of Italy. The Carpathian Mountains encircle Hungary on three sides, separating it from Germany on the north-west, from Galicia en the north-east, and from Turkey on the south-east. At the southern extremity of the range a branch proceeds in a southerly direction across the Danube, to the centre of Eu-

ropean Turkey, connecting the Carpathian Mountains with the great eastern branch of the Alpa.

The rivers of Europe are numerous, but none of them of the very first magnitude. The two largest flow through the great eastern plain, a semi-Asiatic region, and terminate in distant and interior seas, where they contribute little to commercial intercourse. The Volga, which alone can some into rivalry with the great rivers of Asia, passes the Asiatic limit, where it spreads into the great interior expanse of the Caspian. The Black Sex absorbs the other rivers from the great plain of Russia and Poland: it receives also the noble stream of the Danube, which belongs indeed to the central region of Europe; but directing its lower plain of Russia and Poland: it receives also the noble stream of the Danube, which belongs indeed to the central region of Europe; but directing its lewer course through barbarous and uncultivated regions, and terminating in this distant receptacle, it conduces only in a secondary degree to the distribution of wealth and plenty through the continent. Western Europe is too much broken into separate portions, and crossed by high mountain barriers, to allow to its rivers a length of more than from 400 to 600 miles; and they have usually their entire course through a single country. The Rhine, the Elbe, and the Oder, through Germany; the Loire, the Rhone, and the Garcane, through France; the Po through Italy; the Ebro, the Doure, the Tagus, and the Guadalquiviz, through Spain. The northern rivers of Britain and Soandinavia, restricted to a still narrower field, seldom accomplish as long a course as 200 miles. Yet, though Europe does not present the grand rivers which distinguish the greater continents, it is on the whole happily and commodiously watered. Almost every part of it enjoys the benefit of river communication; it is neither overspread by the dreary swampe of America, nor the sandy deserts which render uninhabitable so great a part of Asia and Africa.

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The lakes of Europe are chiefly enclosed within its mountain regions; but few of them are of sufficient magnitude to rank as inland seas. Those alone entitled to this distinction are the Ladoga and the Onega, which, forming a nort of continuation of the Gulf of Finland, and being situated in bleak and frozen regions, minister very little to internal intercourse. The others worthy of notice are the Wenner and Wetter, in Sweden; the Swiss lakes of Geneva, Lucerne, and Continue and the Lake (Finla Continue). tance; the Platten Sea or Lake, in Austria; and the Lakes Garda, Como, and

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The European soil is distinguished for productions, perhaps surpassing in value those of any other quarter of the globs. Grain, of one description or another, is raised over its whole surface, excepting in the extreme north; wines throughout all its southern kingdoms. In hemp, flax, and wool, those staple materials of clothing, Europe is equally pre-eminent. Silk, another valuable commodity, it produces copiously, though not so as to be independent of supplies from India and China. Except the horse and the camel, for which Asia is renowned, Europe continue the state of th tains the most valuable as well as the most numerous breeds of domestic animals. Its northern forests produce the finest timber in the world, with the exception of the teak; and its iron, the most useful of metals, surpasses that of the rest of the world: but all the more precious substances, gold, silver, pearls, jewels, exist in an extent so limited as scarcely to be deserving of mention. The cultivation of an excess so initied as scarcely to be deserving or mention. The chitvation of the souli is carried on with much greater diligence than in any countries except in the south-east of Asia, while in science, skill, and the extent of capital employed upon it, European agriculture is quite unrivalled.

In manufacturing industry, this quarter of the world has, within these few centuries, far surpassed all the others of the globe. The looms and workshops of Europe yield a variety of fine and beautiful fabrics, in such profusion, and at so

cheap a rate, as to place them within the reach of almost every class of society. This continent thus clothes all the young nations which have issued from her own besom, and which fill nearly two entire quarters of the habitable earth.

Commerce, on so great a scale as to connect together the distant quarters of the world, can hardly be said to exist out of Europe. European vessels are found in the utmost bounds of Asia and America, in the enowy regions of either pole, and crowding the ports of the Austrál continent. There is not now a place on earth owever remote, affording any scope for the employment of commercial capital,

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e, and earth, pital which is not immediately filled with the same promptitude as if it had been situated in the heart of Europe. The ships of that continent exceed those of all the others in number and dissessions, and are more skilfully navigated, with the exception of those States in the Western Centinest colonized by Europeans, which are beginning to form a consecretal and maritime system, modelled on that of Europe—a system which may one day surpass the original.

The population of Europe, though more closely calculated than that of any other quarter of the globe, is yet far from being saccertained on data that are very precise. In regard to some districts, and in particular to the whole of the Turkish empire, no caseus has ever been instituted; in others, the computation is founded only on the number of houses: and in some, ten, twenty, and thirty years have elapsed since any was attempted. At the present time the population of the whole continent, and including all the different races, is estimated by the best writers at from 225 to 230 millions.

The people of Europe are divided chiefly into three great races, which differ, to a very marked degree, in language, political situation, and habits of life. These are the Sclavonic races consist of about twenty-five millions of Russiana, toti will long of Poles, Lithursten and the state of about twenty-five millions of Russiana, toti millions of Poles.

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under the names of Windes, Tcheches, Slawakes, Croats, Morlachians, which
have found their way into eastern Germany, Hungary, and Illyria. The Sclavonians are, in general, less improved than other Europeans. They have only some
infant forms of art and literature, which have sprung up from the imitation of
those of the eastern nations. They are generally subjected to absolute monarchy,
and the greater part of them are only beginning to emerge from the degrading
condition of personal alavery. The resjority profess that form of Christianity
acknowledged by the Greek Church. Yet they are a brave, enterprising, and
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The Teutonic race occupies generally the centre and north of Europe; besides Germany, their original seat, they have filled the greater part of Scandinavia, the Netherlands, and Great Britain, and may be reckoned at fifty millions. The Teutonic people generally are brave, hardy, intelligent, and industrious, though somewhat blunt and unsoliabed. All the sciences, and even the arts, both useful and ornamental have been carried among them to the highest perfection; yet they are accused of wanting some of the graces and elegancies which embellish the courts and fashionable circles of the south, by whom they are treated as semi-barbarians. A great measure confined to them, and to the nations in the other parts of the world who have sprung from them.

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The race called Romish comprehends the modern inhabitants of France, Italy, and Spain. They were the most early civilized of the modern nations, and have carried the polish of manners and the cultivation of the elegant arts to a higher-pitch than any other known nation. In solid energy and intelligence, they scarcely equal the Teutonic nations. The Roman Catholic is the ruling raligion in all these countries, and has among them her metropolitan seat.

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Certain interesting and antique races inhabit the rude and mountainous extermities of Europe. They are the Gael, the Cymri, and the Basques, the discendants of the Celts, the most ancient possessors of western Europe. The first inhabit the chief part of Ireland, and the Highlands of Scotland; the Cymri, partly Wales and Britany, and partly in the south of France, and in the north of Spain, where they are called Basques. Having retained their habits and language during many ages, they cherish a fond attachment to antiquity, and trace their pedigree higher than any of the Romish or Teutonic nobles. They are probably about 6,880,000 in number, of which the Gael amount to 4,500,000, the Cymri 1,700,000, and the Basques 680,000.

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The Greeks, once the most illustrious of all the races, are spread through different parts of the Turkish empire. Depressed by two thousand years of slavery, they had ceased to display those high attributes which excited the admiration of

mankind; but the prospects of independence which they have new opened for themselves, affird some hope that they may regain their place in the scale of na-tions. Their number may be about 2,100,000. The Jews, that singularly intetions. Their number may be about 2,104,000. The Jews, that singularly interesting people, are spread through all Europe, but especially the eastern countries, Poland, Russia, and Turkey: they are suppresed rather to exceed 2,000,000. The Gypsies, in an humbler sphere, are widely scattered over all Europe, to the supposed number of 340,000; a wild, roaming, demi-savage race, of unknown origin, but probably Asiatic rather than Egyptian. Other races are, the Turks, the ruling people in the Ottoman Empire; and the Magyars, who prevail in Hungary and Transylvania, are originally Asiatic. The former amount to 3,250,000, and the latter to 3,000,000.

The religion of Europe is almost entirely monotheistic. A mere handful of pagans, the Samoyeds, are found in its north-eastern extremity, on the shores of the Icy Sea. Europe is almost entirely Christian; and the small population of Mahomedans who have found their way into it consist of Asiatic races, Turka, and The Large houses concernly difficued have nowhere a national character. Tartars. The Jews, however generally diffused, have nowhere a national church, nor are they, in any nation, fully identified with the body of the people. The Christians of Europe are divided into three great churches, the Greek, the Latin

or Roman Catholic, and the Protestant.

in learning, art, science, and all the pursuits which develope the intellectual nature of man, and which refine and enlarge his ideas, Europe has far surpassed nature of man, and which reliable and continued and continued an every other continued. The empires of southern and eastern Asia alone have an ancient traditional literature of which the remains are yet preserved. But, besides being now in a very decayed state, it never included any authentic history, sides being now in a very decayed state, it never included any authentic history, sound philosophy, or accurate knowledge of nature. An extravagant, though sometimes poetical mythology, proverbial maxims of wisdom, and a poetry replete with bold and hyperbolical images, compose almost its entire circle. The science of Europe has been employed with equal success in exploring the most distant regions of the universe, and in improving the condition of man in society. The invention of printing, and the consequent general diffusion of information among all classes, are features especially Europeas. By their means, in its enlightened countries, the essential branches of knowledge are now placed within

the reach of the humblest classes, and even the highest branches are not absolutely beyond their attainment. The endowments for the support of learning are very extensive, founded in a great measure during the middle ages, and bearing some stamp of the then infant state of literature; but they are now adapting themselves to modern improvements. The extensive and extending institutions for the instruction of the lower orders have produced a general diffusion of intel-ligence, to which, in the other parts of the world, if we except America, there is

nothing analogous.

The political state of Europe is also peculiarly fortunate. Elsewhere, with rare exceptions, a turbulent anarchy prevails, or vast empires are subjected to the absolute sway of a single despot. It is in this continent only that the secret has absolute sway of a single despot. been found out of establishing a regular and constitutional liberty, in which the extremes of tyranny and licentiousness are equally avoided. Even the absolute monarchies are generally administered with mildness, according to legal forms, and afford to the bulk of the people a tolerable security of person and property. The European states have also established among themselves a balance of power, which sets bounds to the encroachments of any particular state, and has repeatedly rescued the whole continent from the imminent danger of universal subjugation. The military and naval power has been raised to a height to which none of the other continents can offer any effectual resistance. A great proportion of them has now been conquered, occupied, or colonized by Europe; and if the whole is not reduced under this condition, it is only through distance and extensions at the conditions and extensions. sive deserts that many great countries still preserve their independence.

The native animals of Europe are neither so varied nor so extensive as those

of more genial climes. The most useful and important of the domestic kinds have been introduced from other regions. The horse, originally from Arabia, or, according to the opinion of some, from Tartary, has, by cultivation and education,

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merly m also, cro finches, 1 highly pi key, is fo been brought to a high state of perfection, and has become varied in kind to a great extent. The ass, the dog, and cat, are also believed to have an eastern origin. The ox, one of the most valuable of nature's gifts to man, appears to have existed in a wild state over the whole of Europe, but whather as a distinct species of a mere variety, is still uncertain. At what time this breed was exterminated from the open forests is not known; but it was confined to parks, in Britain, long before the Reformation. The race is still preserved in the north of England; they are wholly white, with a black mussle.

The domestic quadrupeds which administer so much to the necessities and happiness of the human race, have been (particularly in Britain) improved to a high degree of excellence. Of the ox, the sheep, and the hog, there is a vast variety, each of which possesses some valuable peculiarity which renders them so essential in supplying food and clothing to man; while the horse, the ass, and the dog, assist him in his labours or protect his property.

In the extreme northern parts of the continent, the great white bear, more truly perhaps than any other antarctic animal, inhabits the shores of Nova Zembla, and is occasionally seen in other parts: it is the same as the American quadruped of the same name. The only two European species of this animal, the brown and black bear, are natives of the northern and temperate regions of the continent. The latter differs from that of America in many essential points. The wolf and the fox, under different varieties or species, appear generally distributed over Europe. To these may be added the lynx and wild cat, as the only rapacious or carnivorous animals of this region. The lynx, once common in central Europe, is now only known in some parts of Spain, the Apennines, and in the northern kingdoms. The wild cat is still said to be a native of Britain, and is spread over many parts of the continent. The elk and the reindeer are well-known inhabitants of the northern countries; the latter giving place to the fallow deer, the stag, and the roebuck, in the midland parts of Europe. In the lofty mountains and inaccessible precipices of the Alps and Pyrenees, the chamois, ysard, and ibex, still live in partial security, notwithstanding the daring intrepidity of their hunters. The musmon is another European quadruped, deserving notice as being generally considered the origin of all our domestic breeds of cheep. It appears still to exist in a state of nature among the high mountains of Corsica and Sardinia, and although extirpated upon the continent, is well ascertained to have formerly been common in the mountains of Asturia in Spain, and other parts. The beaver is found in the vicinity of the Rhine, the Rhone, the Danube, and other of the larger European rivers. It is, however, uncertain whether it is precisely the same as the American species.

The domesticated birds of Europe, brought from other quarters, are the turkey from America, the peacock and common fowl from India, the Guinea-fowl from Africa, and the pheasant from Asia Minor. The rapacious birds, as in other regions, are the smallest 'u number, but the most formidable in strength. The golden, imperial, white-tailed, and sea eagle, are found in various parts of the continent. On the highest summits of the Alps, and in the vast forests which clothe their sides, in Switzerland and the Tyrol, are found all the four species of the European vulture, of which the most formidable is the bearded vulture, or vulture of the Alps. It is the largest of European birds, being four feet and a half in length, and its strength is so great that it attacks sheep, lambs, and young stags, and even the chamois and ibex fall victims to its rapacity. It builds in such ineccessible precipices that its nest is very rarely seen. The vulture is seldom found north of the Alps, and is most numerous in the southern parts of the continent.

The goshawk is found in Scotland, France and Germany. Great use was formerly made of this bird in falconry. Many species of owls are known in Europe; also, crows of various kinds, many species of woodpecker, snipe, grosbeaks, bull-finches, buntings, finches, linnets, larks, &c. The grouse, of various species, are highly prized as game: the largest, the cock of the rock, the size of a small turkey, is found in Russia: the cock of the wood is a fine bird, found in the high

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mountainous parts of the continent; it lives mostly in pine forests and upon the leaves of fir trees. The partridge and quail are universally diffused.

The bustard, among the largest of European birds, being four feet long, is common in Spain, Italy, and Turkey. These birds run with great rapidity, but fly with difficulty, and are oftentimes hunted by greyhounds. The beautiful wall-creeper, with its b ight row wings, the golden oriole, the bee-eater, the hoopon, and the roller, four of the most beautiful European birds, are common in Italy and Sicily; also the pelican, the spoonbill, and the flamingo, although from their large size attraction of most reports. sine attracting the attention of sportamen, they are never seen in any considerable

The sees and coasts of Europe abound to a great extent with fish and marine animals of various kinds, some of which exist in vast numbers, and are of great importance in a national point of view, affording food and employment to thousands of fishermen: this is especially the case with the codfish on the shores of Norway, and the herring of the British ast. The countless myriads of these Seas, and appear off the Shetland Isles in April and May. These are only the forerunners of the grand division, which comes in June; and their appearance is marked by certain signs, and by the numbers of birds which follow to prey upon tham; but when the main body approaches, its breacht and depth are such as to alter the very appearance of the ocean. It is divided into distinct columns of five or six miles in length and three or four in breadth, and they drive the water before them with a kind of rippling. Sometimes they sink for ten or fifteen minutes, then rise to gain the surface, and in bright weather reflect a variety of splendid colours, like a field of the most precious gems.

The pilchards, on the southern coast of England, and the sardines, on that of France, are fished to a great extent. The herring is but little if at all known on the Mediterranean; a substitute, however, exists in the enormous shoals of anchovies found on the coasts of Spain, France, and Italy, which employ annually in their capture and preparation a great number of persons, and the exportation of this highly-flavoured little fish to all parts of the world creates an important branch of permanent commerce. The tunny fishery is peculiar to Sicily and Malta, but is not pursued to the same extent as formerly.

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Europe, considered in regard to its languages, comprehends the whole globe, through those immense colonies which have been founded by the nations of this continent in every other quarter of the world.

The present European languages may be referred to four stocks: the Teutonic, the Celtic, Sclavonic, and Latin. The English, German, Dutch, Danish, Norwe-

gian, Swedish, and Iceland, are of Teutonic origin.

The Celtic languages are the Gaelic, spoken in the Highlands of Scotland, the Hebrides, a great part of Ireland, and the Isle of Man; the Cymbric, used in Wales; the Low Breton, in France; and the Basque, in the south of France and the north of Spain.

The languages of Russia, Poland, Bohemia, and parts of Hungary, are all dialects of the Sclavonic; and those derived from the Latin are the Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and French.

The Spanish or Castilian language is spoken nearly all over Spain, and the present and former colonies of that nation in various parts of the world. It is very rich, harmonious, and dignified. The written and polished language is almost identical with the Portuguese, and differs but little from the Italian. The latter is esteemed the most melodious language of Europe, and is superior to any other in music and poetry. There are several dialects of it; in Tuscany it is found in its greatest purity; in Naples it is said to be the most corrupted; and Venice has its name prequire dialect, which excels in softness.

its own peculiar dialect, which excels in softness.

The French language is considered the most refined of any in Europe. It is well adapted for conversation, and has gradually become the language of courts and of diplomacy, and is understood by the superior classes of society in greater extent than any other. Its dialects are numerous.

The English, spoken in England, parts of Scotland and Ireland, the British

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Colonies in different quarters of the world, and in the United States, is the plest and most monosyllable of all the European idioms, and it is also that of which the pronunciation differs most from the orthography. The English language occupies one of the most eminent places in European literature. guage occupies one of the most emment places in European Interature. It is comparable with any of them in elegance, and perhaps surpasses them all in energy. It is no less graceful than concise; its poetry is at once manly and harmonious; and, like that of the cognate languages of the north, is admirably adapted to depict the sublimities of nature, and pourtray the stronger passions. As the language of political and parliamentary eloquence, it is without a rival. It is spoken by the greatest number of the inhabitants of the New World.

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The German language prevails in all the German States, in Switzerland, and also in some parts of Russia. It has a number of dialects, and is divided into the Upper German, spoken in the southern parts, the Low German of the northern parts, and the High German, which is exclusively the language of books and spined sensets and in comments and discounter to all spined sensets. refined society, and is common to all well-educated Germans; it ranks also as the learned language of the north and great part of the east of Europe. The literature of Germany, in regard to the quality of its productions, rivals those of France and England, and surpasses them in abundance. The German is the richest in words of any language in Europe; and this distinction it owes to the great number of its monosyllabic roots, with which it creates new terms ad infinitum, by derivation and composition. The Dutch, a derivative from the German, is the language of Holland and of her colonies

The Ruski, or Modern Russian, is spoken throughout the Russian Empire, also in parts of Galicia and Hungary. It is only since the reign of the Czar Peter that it has become the language of literature and of business: it has several dialects. The Polish is the national language of the nobility and the commonalty in all the countries formerly belonging to Poland; its dialects are various. The

preference given to Latin in the latter country long retarded this language.

Europe is politically divided into 61 independent States, of which some of the smaller are only nominally so, being in a measure more or less controlled by the larger and more powerful States in their vicinity. Of these, three are styled empires—Austria, Russia, and Turkey; sixteen kingdoms—Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Greece, Hanover, Holland, Naples, Portugal, Prussia, Sardinia, Saxony, Spain, Sweden and Norway, and Wirtemberg; seven grand duchies.—Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Saxe Weimar, and Tuscany; one electorate.—Hesse Cassel; eleven duchies-Anhalt-Bernburg, Anhalt-Cothen, Anhalt-Dessau, Brunswick, Lucca, Modena, Nassau, Parma, Saxe-Altenburg, Saxe-Coburt, Cotha, and Saxe-Meiningen-Hildburghausen; one landgraviate — Hesse-Homburg: elezen principalities — Hohenzollern-Hechingen, Hohenzollern-Sigt.aringen, Leichtenstein, Lippe-Detmold, Lippe-Schauenburg, Monaco, Reuss-Greitz, Reuss-Schleitz, Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, and Waldeck; one lordship-Kniphausen; one ecclesiastical state-The States of the Church; and nine republics-Switzerland, Ionian Islands, San Marino, Andorra, Cracow, and the Free Cities of Germany, Hamburg, Bremen, Lubeck, and Frankfort.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

Sweden and Norway, now united into one kingdom, form an extensive region, stretching from the utmost verge of the temperate zone far into the frozen range of the arctic circle. Along the north and west stretch the wide shores of the Frozen Ocean, so far as yet known. The south-west point of the kingdom borders on the North Sea or German Ocean. The Baltic and the Gulf of Bothnia enclose it on the south and east; so that it forms an immense peninsula. The isthmus by which it is joined to Russia is above 200 miles broad, but so closely barred by mountains and frozen plains, that the kingdom is nearly inaccessible,

except by sea. Sweden, Norway and Denmark, were anciently known as Scandinavia

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This kingdom is of vast extent. Its length, from the extreme point of Scania to the North Cape, is 1550 miles. Its breadth, from the extreme points of the provinces of Stockholm on the east, and Bergen on the west, will little exceed 350 miles. Its area is 297,000 square miles. Of this large territory, scarcely a half can be considered as belonging to the civilized world. The Laplander, who derives his whole subsistence from the rein-deer, can hardly be included within the pale of civilized society. Even the southern districts have a rugged and repulsive aspect, when compared to almost any other European state. Forests of tall and gloomy pine stretch over the plains, or hang on the sides of the mountains; the ground for five months in the year is buried under snow; cultivation appears only in scattered patches.

The mountains consist chiefly of the dark and lofty chain of the Dofrafields, which were for ages a barrier between the two separate and hostile states of Sweden and Norway, but are now included within the united kingdom. In passing through Norway, some of its pinnacles exceed 8000 feet. Chains of secondary elevation run through Lapland; but, in approaching the North Cape, they again rise as high as before, and face the polar seas with cliffs of prodigious

magnitude.

The rivers are numerous, Sweden being a country profusely watered; but, as they rise in the Dofrafields, and traverse the devided breadth of the peninsula, they seldom attain any material length of course. The largest is the Dahl, which falls into the sea at Geffle, after a course of 260 miles. The most important as to navigation are those which form the outlet to the lakes, particularly the Gotha, reaching from the lake Wener to Gottenburg. The Glommen and the Dramme are pretty considerable rivers, running from north to south, and down which considerable quantities of timber are floated. Lapland pours a number of large streams into the head of the Gulf of Bothnia; but these are usually chained in ice, and at no time can be subservient to the purposes of agriculture or navigation.

Lakes form the grand depository of the surplus waters of Sweden. The Wener bears almost the character of an inland sea, and the completion of the canal of Trölhätta, by enabling its coasts to communicate by the Gotha with Gottenburg, has given them almost the full advantages of a maritime site. The Wetter, though equal in length, covers not nearly so great an extent of ground. Maler, or Malar, is a narrow, winding loch, or, more strictly, a bay, running sixty miles into the interior from Stockholm, to whose environs its variegated and rocky shores give a beautiful wildness. Small lakes, enclosed between hills, are of very frequent occurrence, both in Norway and Sweden.

The constitution of Sweden is one of the few in Europe, which has always preserved some portion of that representative system which had been formed in remote ages. Towards the close, indeed, of the last century, it was reduced by Gustavus III. to little more than a form. Bernadotte, however, an elected monarch, without any national claim, was obliged to court the favour of the nation, and, with that view, to re-establish the rights of its ancient diet. This is now rather an antique and cumbrous form of legislature, consisting of four orders; the nobles, the clergy, the peasants, and the burghers; who sit and vote in separate houses.

In the division of powers, the royal prerogative is ample. The king appoints to all offices civil and military, and he is obliged to convoke the diet only once in five years, and to continue its sittings three months; but he may make the meetings more frequent, and longer. He has also a negative upon the laws proposed by the diet. In regard to the diet itself, the division rests with a majority of the houses; but if they be two against two, the balance is struck by the committee of state, a body composed of a certain number of members from each. No tax

can be levied, or loan obtained, without the consent of the diet.

The storthing of Norway, restored by Bernadotte, is possessed of much higher privileges than the Swedish diet. It assembles more frequently, and at its own

time, without any control from the king; and it allows to him only a suspensive veto, obliging him to accept any project which has been three times presented by the storthing. These rights having been once granted, Bernadotte, who found them pressing somewhat hard against his percogative, has in vain made several attempts to abridge them. A highly republican spirit prevails in Norway, and the fiftuence, and almost existence, of the nobles, is nearly annihilated.

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The commerce of this region is greater than its unimproved agriculture and total want of manufactures might lead us to suppose. But nature has gifted these bleak territories with an almost inexhaustible store of timber and iron, two of the prime necessaries of human life. These articles are indeed also the produce of Norsh America; and Britain, which affords the best market, has lately sought to favour her colonies in that quarter by a great inequality of duties. Yet the superior quality of the Scandinavian commodity always secures it a sale. The entire exports of Norway are estimated at 1,800,000% sterling. The commerce of Sweden is not on so great a scale; her surplus timber being not nearly so ample, though her iron is superior. The total number of merchant vessels belonging to the different towns of Sweden, in 1829, was 1178, of the burthen of 61,000 tons.

The manufactures of Scandinavia are inconsiderable, unless we should class their mines as such. Even in the common trades, the work is lazily and ill performed, and charged at a high rate, which renders this the most expensive country in Europe for those who live luxuriously. It is a curious fact that some great merchants in the western towns send their linen to be washed in London.

The mines of silver, copper, lead, and especially iron, constitute the chief wealth of this country: of the latter, 90,000 tons are annually made. In 1738, a gold mine was discovered near Adelfore; but it is now nearly exhausted. The principal copper mines are in Dalecarlia: that of Falun has been worked apwards of 1000 years, and produces from 1,425,000 to 1,500,000 pounds of copper annually. Sweden likewise produces porphyry, rock-crystal, cobalt, alum, and antimoriv.

Agricultural industry, till within the last thirty years, had not done much to remedy natural deficiencies; it is now, however, pursued with great assiduity. Until the year 1820, Sweden imported grain for home consumption almost every year; but now there is usually a surplus for exportation; and the ancient practice of grinding the back of trees, in times of scarcity, to mix with meal, is now happily seldom necessary. Rye and potatose are the chief products. Wheat, cats, and barley, are also cultivated. The flour is excellent. Some madder and tobacco are grown in the southern districts.

Sweden comprises three general divisions, Gothland, Sweden Proper, and Norrland, which are subdivided into 26 lans or governments.

The population of Sweden, by the census of 1839, amounted to 3,109,779. The population of Norway, in 1835, amounted to 1,194,827; males, 585,381; females, 600,446; rural population, 1,065,835; of towns, 129,002.

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The religion of Sweden is Lutheran, and the church Episcopal. This country stood long at the head of the great Protestant confederacy. The Catholics, till of late, scarcely enjoyed common toleration; and they are still excluded from the diet and the higher offices of state. The Swedish people are commended for their regularity in performing the duties of their religion. The Swedes are among the best educated nations in the world; only one in a thousand adults being un-

able to read; yet the amount of criminal offences committed, as shown by official statements, is greater than in any other country in Europe. In the year 1936, one in every 134 of the population was criminally convicted; but as trifling offences, such as allowing a chimney to take fire, neglecting the sweep, the street before one's dwelling, &c., see reported as criminal, it is obvious that the statement must be modified, so as to compare justly with those countries in which such firstly delinquencies are regarded as of a trivial character only. The amount of ardent spirits distilled and drunk, in Sweden, is supposed to be greater than in any other country; 30,000,000 gallons of grain and potatoe spirits being distilled annually. The wide extent and thin population of the northern districts must often render

the provision for their religious instruction very defective.

In science, the Swedes, considering their poverty and remote situation, have made a very distinguished figure. They have cultivated, with peculiar ardour, botany and mineralogy, which some of their countrymen mainly contributed to raise to the rank of sciences; and have also made large contributions to chemistry, which is still ably pursued by several distinguished individuals. Although history and poetry have been cultivated, they have not produced any writers whose reputation has spread throughout Europe. From the limited sphere of the Swedish language, few works of science are written in it, or translated into it: hence the literati of Sweden are particularly well versed in the languages of foreign

Stockholm, the capital, is situated at the junction of the lake Malar with an inlet of the Baltic. It stands upon seven small rocky islands, besides two peninsulas, and is built upon piles. A variety of picturesque views are formed by numberless rocks of granite-rising boldly from the surface of the water, partly bare and craggy, partly dotted with houses, or adorned with gardens and trees. The central island is bordered by a stately row of buildings, the residences of the principal manhants. It contributes and other rables have been seen and other rables have but the cisal merchants. It contains the palace and other public buildings; but the houses being high, and the streets narrow, its appearance is somewhat gloomy. The number of bridges, great and small, in this capital, is thirteen. At a short distance from the royal palace stands a fine statue of Gustavus III., in bronze, on a pedestal of polished porphyry. The city has likewise an arsenal, a mint, an exchange, and two theatres. The harbour is deep and capacious, though difficult exchange, and two theatres. The harbour is deep and capacious, though difficult of access: a thousand sail of shipping may lie here in safety, and the largest vessels can approach close to the quay. Population, in 1639, 83,885.

Upsal, formerly the great metropolis of Sweden, is situated on an extensive plain, upon the small stream Fyrisa. In the centre is a square, from which the streets extend in straight lines. This town is famous for its beautiful cathedral, and for its university, which has a library of 40,000 volumes. Population 5000.

Gottenburg, near the mouth of the River Gota, has a circumference of three miles. It is regularly fortified, and in the upper part of the town, the streets rise above each other like an amphitheatre. Some of the modern buildings are of brick, but the greater number are of wood, and painted red. The harbour is spacious, and the commerce considerable. Population, in 1833, 28,758.

Carlacrona, on the bay of the Baltic, is the station of the Swedish navy, and has a harbour which is defended at its entrance by two strong forts. It is celebrated for its docks, which are separated from the town by a high wall, and one of which is cut out of the solid rock. Population, 11,500.

Orebro, at the western extremity of Lake Hielmar, carries on an extensive trade. Population, 4.185.

Malmoe, exactly opposite Copenhagen, centains about 9000 inhabitants, and cases some commerce, though the harbour is bad.

Falun, 160 miles north of Stockholm, is remarkable for its extensive copper-ines. The number of forges here give the town a very sombre appearance.

Gefle, on the Gulf of Bothnia, is a well-built town, with some foreign commerce. Population, 8000.

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Thus extensive portion of the Swedish monarchy, recently, by compulsion, but in all likelihood permanently, united, comprises a very long line of maritime tearitory, heing the boundless expanse of the Northern Ocean. Throughout its whole length, in an oblique line parallel to the sea, runs the chain of the Defra-fields, presenting many hold and lofty summits covered with perpetual snow. Sneehatta, the highest, is 8100 feet. Norway produces some corn, not nearly sufficient, however, for its own consumption; but exports large quantities of timber and fish, receiving, in return, those commodities of which it stands most in need. The southern provinces of Aggerhuus, Christiania, and Christiansund, include a considerably greater proportion of level territory than the others. They have

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the bay of Christiania the Drammen and the Glommen, the two greatest rivers of the North, and bring with them an immense quantity of timber, which is cut into deals, and exported to all parts of Europe. The export of iron is also considerable. Christiania, the capital of all this district, with a population of 23,121, now ranks as the capital of the whole kingdom. It is situated at the head of a long interior bay or flord. Christiania is chiefly supported by the trade in deals; and those cut in its saw-mills are considered, by the traders in this article, to be superior to all others. Some of its merchants, particularly the Ankers, maintain the state of princes, and are considered equal in wealth and liberal views to any in Europe. Christiania comes more into contact than Bergen with the more advanced countries of Europe, and has adopted almost exclusively the improvements which distinguish them. The buildings are regular, and mostly of stone; so that in the course of 200 years, while other Scandinavian towns have been repeatedly reduced to ashes, Christiania has suffered only alight injury from fire. Since the union with Sweden, it has received an university, with two professors, who have moderate incomes, chiefly derived from grain.

There are other havens of some importance in this seuthern tract of Norway. On the western coast of Christiania fiord, the two, Bragenses and Stromsoe, unite in forming what is called Dram or Drammen, at the mouth of the important river of that name. Tongsberg, at the bottom of the same side, is a town of some ancient celebrity, but now a good deal decayed. On the eastern side of the same bay is Moss, watered by a stream, turning twenty saw-mills, by which an immense quantity of deals is prepared for exportation. Frederickshall, an encient and still important frontier town, is beautifully situated in an interior bay, winding among mountains. Near it is the strong fortress of Frederickstadt, the scene of the death of Charles XII. Christiansund, the most southern province of Norway, has a capital of the same name, the fourth town in the kingdom, which, from its situation on the Skagerrack, is visited for shelter and supplies by numerous vessels.

entering and leaving the Baltic.

The province of Bergen is rude, rocky, and mountainous, consisting of the slope downwards to the sea of the highest part of the Dofrafield range. The town of Bergen, at the head of a long interior bay, was formerly accounted the capital, and contains a population of 22,339. Its commerce, which is considerable, is founded on the exportation, less of the produce of the country behind it, than of the northern fishery at Daffoden, of which the produce is brought to Bergen by numerous barks. Its merchants had long the monopoly of this, and still retain much the greatest share. They are chiefly Datch, and send a vessel weekly to Amsterdam for a supply of the garden stuffs which their own soil does not yield. Bergen is built of large masses of weeden houses, amid rocks, and has suffered severely by fire.

The province of Drontheim, to the north of Bergen and Christiania, is separated from them by vast mountains. The capital, of the same name, is situated on the shore of a winding flord, but subsists less by foreign commerce than by the internal communication between numerous valleys and districts to which it forms a central

point of union. The society of Drontheim is always held forth as representing under the happiest light the genuine Norwegian character; its warmth of kindness, and generous hospitality. Drontheim is built wholly of wood, and has in consequence been seven times burnt to the ground; yet the houses are handsome, and ornamented with taste. There is a spacious palace, built wholly of this material, and pattaking its imperfection. Drontheim also contains the remains of a cathedral, the largest edifice in the country, and to which the whole population of the north came once in pilgrimage. The environs are very beautiful, with numerous country-seats, and lofty snow-arowned hills in the distance. Population, 18,358. Christiansund is also a small sea-port and fishing town in province. Reynord Drontheim commences Norrland, a district rather than a province, the

Beyond Drontheim commences Norrland, a district rather than a province, the name being vaguely applied to all the north of Scandinavia. Relatively to Norway, it is marked by an increasing severity of cold; the mountains, even at 3000 feet high, being capped with perpetual snow, and vast table-plains or all offer emaining covered with it during the whole summer. Grain, even of the coarsest descriptions, ripens only in a few favoured spots. The climate, however, is somewhat milder than that of regions under the same latitude on the Baltic; so that, while the ports of Stockholm and Carlscrona are shut during several months of the year, those of Norrland remain continually open. Yet in this dreary region occurs a busy scene of human action and existence. The numerous islands, and the deep bays between them and the land, afford spots to which should of fish come from the farthest depths of the North Sea to deposit their spawn. During the whole year, the herring affords a regular occupation to the Norrland boatmen; but from February to April, the shoals, migrating from thence, and from all the surrounding coasts, crowd to the Loffoden Islands, the central seat of the northern fishery. These islands form a chain parallel to the land, and separated by narrow channels, through which the tides of the Northern Ocean rush with tremendous rapidity. The Maiström, a famous whirlpool, when the tide is high, produces the effect of a mighty cataract. Waves are seen struggling against waves, towering aloft, or wheeling about in whirlpools; the dashing and roaring of which are heard many miles out at sea. The produce of the fishery is conveyed to Bergen in a great number of little barks.

LAPLAND.

Tun vast region of Lapland is divided from the rest of Scandinavia by a line drawn across it nearly coinciding with the Polar Circle, so as to render it almost entirely an arctic region. It consists partly of great chains of mountains, some of which are 4000 feet high, while other extensive tracts are level. Through these roll the Tornes, the Lules, the Pites, and other rivers of long course, and navigable for the few boats which have any occasion to pass along them.

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The Laplanders are a peculiar race, short, stout, brown, with black hair, pointed chin, and eyes rondered weak by exposure to the smoke and snow. They are divided into the mountain or wandering Laplanders, and those who dwell in what are called villages. The swift-footed rein-deer, which they train to draw them in sledges over the snow, form their riches; the flesh and milk of these animals compose their food, and the skins their furniture. The tents of the Laplanders are formed by six beams of wood meeting nearly at top, covered with cloth, a flap of which, left between two of the beams, serves as the door. The floor is spread with rein-deer skins, having the hair upwards, and which thus serve for either lying or sitting, the tent being too low to stand in, except in one place. A stone frame is made in the middle, for the fire; and there is a hole at the top, to which the smoke must find its way; but this it does not effect till it has thickly impregnated the whole tent with its fumes; which, however, are valued as affording a protection in winter against the cold, and in summer against the swarms of musquitoes with which, during a period of short and extreme heat, the air is infested. The herds of rein-deer vary from 300 to upwards of 1000, according to the wealth

of the possessor. All day they wander over the hills, and in the ovening are driven, not without some occasional resistance, into an enclosed park, where they are milked. Each yields only about a tea-cupful of milk; but rich, aromatic, and h as representing warmth of kindwood, and has in wholly of this maof exquisite taste. The Laplanders travel fi un place to place, and move their families, usually at ns the remains of whole population ery beautiful, with

the beginning of winter and summer, in sledges made in the form of a boat, and drawn by rein-deer. These animals are tamed and trained with considerable difficulty; and they are sometimes restive: but, in general, they bound over hill and dale with surprising celerity. Their dress is carefully contrived for the purposes of warmth. The under part, or shirt, is composed of sheep's skin with the wool inwards; while the exterior coat is formed with skin of the rein-deer, or some they arised having the fire contracts. other animal, having the fur outwards. They add fur gloves, and a woollen pointed

The entire population of Lapland is about 60,000, or one inhabitant to every three square miles. Even this scanty measure is supported on the sea-coasts only

by a supply of fish. The Laplanders are a harmless race, among whom great crimes are unknown. Only one murder has been heard of in twenty years; and the absence of theft is proved by that of bars, bolts, and other safeguards. They do not show that open hospitality and warmth of heart, for which rude nations are so often celebrated. They are cold, shy, mistrustful, and difficult to treat with, at least unless tobacco or brandy be brought in as a mediator. They were formerly very superstitious; and the Lapland witches were famous for their empire over the winds, which they enclosed in bags, and sold to the mariner. The magic drum and the enchanted chain are still in occasional use. Yet the Laplanders have been converted to Christianity, and are attentive to its duties, coming often from vast distances to attend divine service, though the instructions are conveyed to them only through the broken medium of an interpreter.

The sea-coast of Lapland presents a continuation of the same bold and rocky features which distinguish that of Norway. Here, too, the fishery is carried on with activity. It is chiefly in the hands of a Finnish race, called Quans, who have pushed across Lapland, and exert an activity unknown to the natives of that region. The Russians from Archangel, also, not only bring their meal to exchange for fish, but carry on the fishery themselves to a great extent. In July and August they cover with their small three-masted vessels all the flords and sounds, and throw out lines that are sometimes two miles long, and contain 600 or 700 hooks; so that their vessels are filled with the utmost rapidity.

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but the settlement has never taken root in this ungenial climate, and continues
also, with one exception, to be the smallest that exists. Mageroe, the most northerly of the islands, consists of steep rocke rising perpendicularly from the sea, and
ascended as if by stairs. The northern point of this island is formed by the
North Cape, the grand boundary of the European continent, facing the depths of
the Polar Ocean. It consists of an enormous mass of naked rock, parted by the action of the waves into pyramidal cliffs, down which large fragments are continually falling.

DENMARK.

DENMARK is an ancient kingdom, formerly very powerful, holding sway over the surrounding regions, and, as a predatory state, the terror of all Europe. Though now reduced to the secondary rank, her situation renders her of importance in the general system of the Continent.

Denmark consists mainly of an extensive peninsula, shooting out from the northwest corner of Germany, and a cluster of large islands to the east of the peninsula. The Danish peninsula is termed Jutland; and the islands in the interior of the Baltic, interposed between Jutland and Scandinavia, are Zealand, Funen,

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e, and a few others of smaller note. Denmark holds also the German territories of Sleswick and Holstein; with Iceland, the Farce Islands, and some settlements on the coast of Greenland, remnants of her former maritims power; together with the colonies in the East and West Indies, and on the coast of Guinea.

The extent of the dominions of a country broken into such a variety of detached portions can with difficulty be estimated. The only compact mass consists of Jutland, Sleswick, and Holstein; bounded on the west and north by the North Sea or German Ocean; on the east by the sounds which form the entrance of the Baltic; on the south by the Elbe. This tract lies generally between 53\frac{1}{2}^2 and 57\frac{1}{2}^2 north latitude, and 8° and 11° east longitude. We have thus a length of 280 miles, and a breedth of 120. The total area of the Danish monarchy, is about

22,000 square miles.

The surface of Denmark is nearly flat; forming, with the exception of Holland, the lowest part of the great plain of Northern Germany. The islands, in particular, in many places, rise only a few feet above the level of the sea. The soil, as in the rest of this plain, is frequently sandy and marshy; the climate humid, though not liable to those severe frosts which prevail in the interior of Scandinavia. Hence it affords good pasturage, and its soil is favourable to the growth of the coarser species of grain. The insular and peninsular character of her territory gives Denmark an extent of coast which certainly does not fall short of 600 miles; and there is said to be no part of the land more than ten miles distant from the sea. This structure leaves no room for the formation of any rivers of the least consequence, except the Eyder in Holstein, and the canal of Kiel, by which an important communication is formed between the ocean and the Baltic. nee, with which they in many places communicate, and may hence be regarded as mays. Jutland contains a number of challow but extensive lakes, closely bordering on the

The agriculture of Denmerk is conducted under considerable disadvantages, both of climate and soil. The climate, though not subject to severe frost or intense cold, is chill and damp; and the land consists, in a great measure, of sand and marsh. Every part of the kingdom, however, is capable of some cultivation, and occasional tracts of luxuriant fertility occur. Such are the islands of Zealand, Lazland, and Falster; and, in a still greater degree, the sea-coast of Sleswick and Holstein; for the interior is arid and sandy. The industry of the peasant in Denmark Proper suffers many severe checks; he has been but recently emancipated from personal bondage, and is still subjected to many feudal usages. Life-leases, under which the payment is made in produce or personal services, are common. The proprietors are generally embarrassed, and unable to expend much on the improvement of their lands. The farmers of Holstein and Sleswick carry on the process of cultivation with great skill and activity. The chill moisture of the climate is less favourable to the cultivation of wheat than of barley, rye, and oats; all of which afford a large surplus for exportation. The rearing of cattle is also an extensive branch of industry, though too little attention has been paid to the improvement of the breeds, unless on the west coast of Sleswick, on whose moist and rich meadows is produced what bears a high reputation under the name of "Hamburg beef." Over all Denmark, the produce of the dairy forms the basis of a large export trade.

The manufactures of Denmark are extremely rude, and consist chiefly in working up the flax and wool of the country in a coarse form for domestic use. A great proportion also of the wool is exported. Government have employed great efforts to raise Denmark to the rank of a manufacturing country; and some fabrics in the different kinds of cloth, brandy, sugar-refining, &c., have, under its patronage, been set on foot in the large towns; but these are all languishing, and with difficulty support foreign competition.

The commerce of Denmark consists chiefly in the export of her raw produce,

with some colonial articles derived from her colonies. Wheat, rye, barley, oats, and rape seed, with butter, beef, horses, and oxen, are the chief items of export: the whole, in 1836, amounted in value to nearly £2,000,000.

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The constitution of Denmark, originally founded on the basis of the most complets feudal independence, to the extent of rendering the monarchy itself elective, underwent a complete change in 1660, when Frederick III. declared the crown to be hereditary, and rendered himself absolute. The sway of the Danish princes has, however, been exceedingly mild and popular, and their despotic rule exerted in a manner beneficial to the people, as it limited the oppressive rights exercised by the nobles. These, however, continue to be obnoxious; and it is only within a few years that the body of the people have been emancipated from a state of personal

slavery. The nobles are few in number, consisting only of one duke, nineteen counts, and twelve barons. The kir. J himself presides at the supreme national tribunal. The Danish army consists partly of regular troops and partly of militia. The peasantry are liable to serve for six years; two years of which time they are constantly on duty, and the remainder of the time for a month in each year. At the end of the six years they are enrolled in the militia. The regular army consists of 39,781 men; but there are seldom more than 8000 men on service at once. The navy consisted, in 1936, of 7 ships of the line, 8 frigates, 5 corvettes, and 56 gun-boats.

The revenue of Denmark, for 1835, amounted to £1,653,792; and the expenditure to £1,583,087. The public debt is £14,603,000; the interest paid on which

is a little above 3½ per cent. per annum.

The population of the Danish dominions, in 1835, amounted to 9,194,265, of which 1,561,989 were in its ancient domain of Jutland and Sleswick, and the adjacent islands; 435,596 in Holstein; 35,680 in Lauenburg; 56,000 in Iceland; 14,000 in Greenland and the Faroe Islands. The Danish colonies are Christians-

14,000 in Greenland and the Farce Islands. The Danish colonies are Unrisuansburg, &c., on the coast of Guinea, with 44,000 inhabitants; Santa Cruz, St. Thomas, and St. John, in the West Indies, with 47,000; and the Nicobar islands in the Indian Ocean. The latter contain no European settlements at present.*

The Danes are generally quiet, tranquil, and industrious. The inhabitants of the towns, who are chiefly engaged in trade, have a great share of the patient, thrifty, and persevering habits of the Dutch. The peasantry, poor and oppressed, are beginning, however, to raise their heads; and the nobles, no longer addicted them once so formidable, live to those rude and daring pursuits which rendered them once so formidable, live

much in the style of opulent proprietors in other European countries.

The Lutheran religion was early and zealously adopted in Denmark, to the extent, indeed, of granting toleration to no other; but the liberal principles now diffused throughout Europe have made their way fully into that country. Science onused throughout Europe have made their way fully into that country. Science was at one era somewhat brilliantly patronised in Denmark. The observatory at Orienbaum was the theatre of many of the most important modern observations; and Tycho Brahe ranks as one of the fathers of modern astronomy. Late writers have introduced a school of pootry and dramatic literature, founded upon that of the modern German. The government has bestowed a laudable attention on the general education of its people, and has even passed a law, requiring every child. of a certain age, to be sent to school. There are upwards of 4000 elementary schools, which had, in 1835, 278,500 scholars; also more than 3000 grammar and parish schools. Besides the universities of Copenhagen and Kiel, colleges are established at Soroe and Altona, and academies in all the considerable towns.

Copenhagen, called by the Danes Kiobenhavn, the metropolis of the Danish dominions, is situated on a low and marshy promontory, on the east side of the island of Zealand. The circumference of the city is about five miles; it is regularly fortified towards the land and sea. Many of the streets are intersected by canals, by which a considerable commerce is carried on. The town is divided into three parts, viz., the Old and the New town, and Christianshaven. There is a beautiful octagon, called Frederic's Place, in the New town, ornamented with an equestrian statue of Frederic V. in bronze. The arsenal, the exchange, and

The Danish government soid their continental Indian colonies of Serampore and Tranquebar eb. 92, 1845, to the British East India Company, for 1,135,000 rix deliars.

the barracks, are handsome edifices. The Royal Observatory is about 130 feet high, and 70 in diameter, and has a spiral road of brick, affording an easy ascent for carriages to the top. This city owes much of its present regularity and beauty to the disastrons fires, by which it has so often been partially destroyed. The buildings are mostly of brick, covered with stucco, or of Norwegian marble. There are here three extensive libraries, namely, the Royal library, containing above 450,000 volumes, the University library, containing 190,000 volumes, and the Classen Library. Population, in 1834, 119,399.

Sleswick, the capital of the duchy of that name, is a long, irregular, but hand-

some town with 11,000 inhabitants. Its cathedral with numerous monuments of ancient dukes is viewed with interest. Altona, on the Elbe, about two miles from Hamburg, is a place of considerable trade and extensive manufactures. Population, 96,000.

Elsinore, or Elsineur, at the narrowest part of the Sound, is protected by the strong Castle of Cronborg. Most maritime nations have consuls at this place. It has an excellent roadstead, in which ships anchor almost close to the town.

The tolls of the Sound are collected here. Population, in 1834, 7132.

Kiel, the capital of Holstein, is a fortified town on a bay of the Baltic, and is the seat of a celeberated university. Population, 11,000.

Gluckstadt, near the mouth of the Elbe, has some trade, and is engaged in the

Greenland fishery. Population, in 1835, 6000.

Flensborg, in the duchy of Sleswick, has a good harbour and is a place of some commerce. It is famous for its tiles, of which great quantities are exported. Population, 13,550.

ICELAND.

LORLAND, an appendage of the Danish crown, unimportant in a political view, but interesting from its physical and moral aspect, is situated in the Northern Ocean, on the border of the arctic circle, and at the farthest verge of the civilized world. It is a large island, 220 miles in length, and 210 in breadth; containing about 40,000 square miles. Iceland belongs, by its situation, to the polar world; and the mountain chains, from 3000 to 6000 feet high, with which it is everywhere intersected, give it a still more severe and stern character. Barley is the only grain that can be raised, and this only in patches; cabbages, and a few other imported vegetables, may be produced, but by no means in perfection. The dependence of the inhabitants is chiefly upon the abundance of fish which the surrounding seas afford; so that 'he interior, comprising about half of the

island, is a desert of the most dreary character.

The mountain phenomena of Iceland are very striking. Hecla, with its flaming volcano, is the most celcorated; but its eruptions, of which aix have occurred in the course of a century, are at present suspended.

The Geysers form a phenomenon strikingly characteristic of Iceland, and rank with the most extraordinary that are produced on any part of the globe. They consist of fountains, which throw up boiling water, spray, and vapour, to a great height into the air. The eruptions are not continuous, but announce their approach by a sound like that of subterraneous thunder; immediately after which, a column of water, accompanied with prodigious volumes of steam, bursts forth, and rushes up to the height of fifty, sixty, ninety, or even a hundred and fifty feet. The water soon ceases; but the spray and vapour continue to play in the air for several hours, and, when illuminated by the sun, produce the most brilliant rainbows. The largest stones, when thrown into the orifice, are instantly propelled to an amazing height, and remaining often for some minutes within the influence of the steam, rise and fall in singular alternation. Stones thrown into the fountain have the remarkable effect of acting as a stimulus to the cruption, and causing it to burst from a state of tranquillity. The basin of the Great Geyser is of an oval form, with diameters of fifty-eight and sixty-four feet. Every spot around the Geysers is covered with variegated and beautiful petrifactions.

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The Sulphur Mountains, with their caldrons of boiling mud, present another phenomenon which the traveller beholds with the utmost astonishment. These consist chiefly of clay, covered with a crust, which is hot to the touch, and of sulphur, from almost every part of which, gas and steam are perpetually escaping. Sometimes a loud noise guides the traveller to a spot where caldrons of black boiling mud, largely impregnated with this mineral substance, are throwing up, at short intervals, their eruptions. That on the Krabla had a diameter equal to that of the Great Geyser, and rose to the height of thirty feet. The situation of the spectator here is not only awful, but even dangerous; standing, on a support which feebly sustains him, over an abyes where fire and brimstone are in dreadful and incessant action.

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The civil and social state of Iceland presents features no less interesting. was discovered about the year 840, by Nadod, a Danish pirate. After its settlement it became a little independent republic; and the arts and literature, driven ment it became a little independent republic; and the arts and literature, driven before the tide of barbarism, which then overwhelmed the rest of Europe, took refuge in this remote and frozen clime. Iceland had its devines, its annalists, its poets, and was for some time the most enlightened count. then perhaps existing in the world. Subjected first to Norway, in 1261, and afterwards to Denmark, it lost the spirit and energy of an independent republic. Yet the diffusion of knowledge, even among the lowest class, which took place during its prospersor, still exists in a degree not paralleled in the most enlightened of other nations. Men who seek, amid the storms of the surrounding occan a scanty provision for their families, possess an acquaintance with the class cal writings of antiquity, and a sense of their beauty. The traveller finds the guide whom he has hired able to hold a conversation with him in Latin, and on his arrival at his miserable place of rest for the night is addressed with fluency and elegance in the same place of rest for the night, is addressed with fluency and elegance in the same language. "The instruction of his children forms one of the stated occupations of the Icelander; and while the little hut which he inhabits is almost buried in the snow, and while darkness and desolation are spread universally around, the light of an oil-lamp illumines the page from which he reads to his family the lessons of knowledge, religion, and virtue." Population 56,000.

The Farce Islands compose a group in the Northern Ocean, between 61° 15' and 62° 20' N. lat., to the north of Shetland, which they resemble. The principal are Stromoe, Osteroe, Suderoe, and Sandoe, with the smaller islands of Nordoe, Wideroe, and Waagoe. Their only wealth is produced by the rearing of sheep, fishing, and catching the numerous birds which cluster round the rocks. With the surplus of these articles they supply their deficiency of grain. Thorsham, on Stromoe, is the only place that can be called a town.

HOLLAND.

THE Netherlands, comprising now the two kingdoms of Holland and Belgium, form a maritime territory, which, situated almost in the centre between the north and south of Europe, and penetrated by the Rhine and its tributaries, possesses great natural advantages for industry and commerce. It has, accordingly, from a very early period of modern history, ranked as one of the most prosperous and flourishing parts of Europe. The union of the Batavian and Belgic Netherlands into one kingdom, though in fact only a renewal of that which subsisted at a former period, was suddenly terminated, in 1830, by a revolution of the Belgians, and the erection of their country into a separate monarchy, through the mediation of the five great powers of Europe; and the crown, with their consent, has been conferred on prince Leopold, formerly of Saxe-Coburg.

Holland is bounded north by the German Ocean, east by Germany, south by Belgium, and west by the German Ocean. It extends from 51° 10' to 53° 25' N. lat., and from 3° 23' to 7° 5' E. lon., and contains 11,100 square miles. The Rhine enters this country from the south-east and flows through it to the sea by several mouths. The Maese or Meuse rises in France and flows north-easterly through Belgium into Holland, where it turns to the west and unites with the mouths of the Rhine. The Zuyder Zee is a large inland bay, in the northern part, 60 miles in extent. The Sea of Haarlem is a lake, 14 miles in length, to the west of the Zuyder Zee, and communicating with it by the river Y, which passes by Amsterdam. There are many small lakes in the northern province of Friesland.

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The whole country is low and flat, a great part of it being below the level of the sea. From the top of a steeple the eye ranges over a boundless plain, intersected by canals and dikes; meadows of the freshest verdure, covered by numerous herds of cattle; towns, villages and detached houses embosomed in trees: numerous vessels continually gliding along the canals, and by the animation which they give to the landscape, compensating in some degree for its want of bold and nicturesque beauty.

Canals are as numc.ous in Holland as roads in other countries, and the country is so level that they scarcely need a lock in their construction. Some of them are as old as the 10th century. The most noted is the Great Dutch Canal, 50 miles in length from Amsterdam to the Helder. It is 1244 feet wide at the surface, and 20 feet 9 inches deep. It has two tide-locks at the extremities, and two sluices with flood-gates in the intermediate space. The width is sufficient to allow two frigates to pass each other. This canal was begun in 1819 and completed in 1825, at a cost of about 4,400,000 dollars. It is highly convenient for vessels sailing from Amsterdam, which otherwise are liable to be detained by head winds for several weeks.

The Dutch, by unwearied industry, have conquered every disadvantage of climate, soil and territory. The humidity and coldness of the air are unfavourable to the culture of corn. Yet the labours of the patient inhabitants have converted their boggy and sterile territory into one of the richest spots in Europe. The corn raised is insufficient for home consumption, but the products of the dury are abundant. By draining the bogs and marshes, excellent meadows are created, upon which cattle fatten to a vast size; the utmost attention is paid to their warmth and cleanliness, and even in the summer these animals appear in the meadows clothed with apparently ludicrous care to keep off the files.

Wheat, rye, barley, oats, peas, beans and buckwheat are raised for internal consumption: and madder, rape seed, hops, tobacco, clover seed, mustard seed, flax, hemp and poppy oil, for consumption and exportation. Much attention is paid to horticulture: the gardens and orchards are kept in very neat order.

Holland became, at an early period, a maritime power, and established settlements in various parts of the globe. Her commerce, 160 years ago, was the most extensive in Europe; and the Dutch were, for a long time, the carriers and factors of the chief European States. Their manufactures were the chief support of their commerce, and the linens, silks, and woollens of Holland were spread over all Europe. The political revolutions of modern times have been ruinous to the Dutch commerce, though the trade is still considerable. Floats of timber are received by the Rhine from Switzerland and Germany.

The herring fishery has been prosecuted by the Dutch ever since the twelfth century; and, for part of the time, on a very large scale. In the middle of the eighteenth century, the business employed 100,000 fishermen; but it has declined so much, that 30 busses, of 50 or 60 tons a-piece, manned by 12 or 14 men each, are all the vessels now employed. The whale fishery is also prosecuted.

The manufactures of Holland have been greatly checked by the rivalship of the English. Before the French revolution there was scarcely a manufacture which the Dutch did not carry on. In this they were assisted by the populousness of the country, the cheapness of labour, and above all, by the water carriage, which gives an immense facility to all the operations of trade and industry. The manufactures are still considerable, and consist of woollen, linen, silk, cotton, tobacco, smuff, pipes, leather, &c. The distillation of gin is largely carried on. The value of the whole manufactures of Holland and Belgium some years ago was estimated

at about 135 millions of dollars. The amount appertaining to each at present cannot be ascertained.

The general method of traveiling is by the trekschuyt, or drag-boat; this is generally ten feet wide, and fifty long; and in shape it recembles the common representations of Noah's ark. The expense does not exceed three cents a mile, and the rate of traveiling is three miles an hour, which is so invariably the result, that distances, as in the East, are reckned by hours, and not by miles frozen, the canals are travelled over by sleighs and skates. A! parsons skate; the peasant girl skates to market, with her merchandise on her head, the senator to his assembly, and the clergyman to his church.

The Dutch are distinguished for frugality, neatness, and industry. They are of a cold, phlegmatic temperament, but when roused to passion, have as much ardour as any people. They are grave and heavy in appearance, and even children are sedate. They are quiet and domestie, and enjoy much happiness in their family circles, Generally they prefer gain to ambition, but in their dealings they are honest. The very soil they till is a monument of their perseverance and industry. They live in a country of meadows, reclaimed from the sea, and the acquisition is maintained only by continual vigilance, toil, and expense.

The prevailing religion of Holland is Calvinism, while that of Belgium is almost exclusively Catholic; a difference which contributed not a little to that rooted dislike entertained by the inhabitants of the latter to those of the former. The Dutch have the honour of being the first people who established a system of unrestrained toleration. Even popery, notwithstanding the grounds which the nation had to dread and hate it, was allowed to be professed with the utmost freedom. The government allows salaries, of a greater or less amount, to the clergy of every persuasion, only making those of the Presbyterian ministers higher than the others. There are, besides, Lutherans, Baptists, Jews, Quakers, Armenians, and Catholics. By the budget of 1840, 1,737,000 guilders were appropriated for the salaries of clergymen. The salaries vary from £50 to £200.

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In naval affairs, Holland, no longer the maritime rival but the close ally of Britain, made only faint attempts to raise her navy from the low state to which it was reduced by the disasters of the revolutionary war. It consists of 8 ships of the line, 21 frigates, 15 corvettes, 21 smaller vessels, brigs, &c., and 95 gunboats, for the defence of the interior waters. There are 472 officers, and the crews, in softwe service, amount to 5000 men.

The foreign possessions of Holland, after being entirely wrested from her during the war, were, with the exception of Ceylon, the Cape of Good Hope, Demerara, and Berbice, restored in 1814. In the East Indies, she possesses the Molucus, the extensive and fertile island of Java, with settlements on Sumarta, Celebes, and Borneo; and some factories on the coast of Malabar and Coromandel. In Africa, she retains El Mina, and other factories on the Gold Coast. Her West India colonies are not, and never were, very considerable, unless as commercial depôts. Both the navy and the colonial possessions, in the separation of the two kingdoms, remain with Holland.

The government is a constitutional monarchy, with some resemblance to the British, though the sovereign in Holland has greater powers, and the two houses of assembly are much less powerful than the British Commons and Peers. The constitution provides for the security of persons and property, for trifls within three days, and for the liberty of the press, under the responsibility of him who writes, prints, or distributes. Religious toleration is secured, and judges cannot be removed by the executive.

Holland is divided into 10 provinces: North Holland, South Holland, Zealand, Utrecht, Guelderland, Overyssel, Drenthe, Groningen, Friesland, and North Brabant.

By a census taken in 1844, the population of Holland was 2,953,618.

The public debt of the Netherlands, in 1826, amounted to 832,334,500 florins, which was almost wholly contracted by the Dutch, principally during their pro-

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The Dutch school of painting has been eminently successful in a low sphere. Under Rembrandt and his disciples, subjects of common life and vulgar humour were treated with a native force, which, being aided by brilliant effects of light and shade, have rendered this school exceedingly popular, though it has failed in all attempts at high and heroic delineation.

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Amsterdam, the capital, one of the largest cities in Europe, stands on an arm of the Zuyder Zee called the River Y. The whole city is built upon piles driven into the ground. It is in the form of a crescent, and is intersected by the river Amstel, and a great number of canals, over which there are 280 bridges of stone and wood. Many of the canals are bordered with trees and afford pleasant views, but the stagnant water they contain infects the air. The houses and streets are kept remarkably clean. The Stadthouse is the most splendid building in Holland. It rests upon a foundation of 13,659 caken piles, and is built of freestone, with a front of 282 feet; its interior is adorned with marble, jasper, statues, paintings, and other costly ornaments, and the whole edifice was completed at a cost of 9,000,000 dollars. There is an elegant bridge over the Amstel, 600 feet in length. the churches are not remarkable for architectural beauty. Amsterdam is a place of great commerce, although much declined from its former wealth and activity. The harbour is spacious, but only light vessels can enter. It has many establishments for literature, the arts, and charitable purposes, with various manufactures. Population, 209,000.

Haarlem, on the sea or lake of that name, has many fine buildings, and the largest church in Holland: the organ of this church is the largest in the world, having 8000 pipes, some of them 38 feet in length. This city has many manufactures, and claims the invention of printing. The inhabitants show the house of Lavrence Koster the inventor. Population, 22,000. Utrecht, on the Rhine, is a place of great antiquity, and has a famous university. It exhibits the ruins of a fine cathedral. Population, 44,000.

Rotterdam is the second commercial city in the kingdom, and by its deep canals will admit the largest vessels to the doors of its warehouses. The style of Dutch architecture is more particularly striking in this city. The houses are very high, with projecting stories; they are built of very small bricks, and have large windows. This was the birth-place of Erasmus, and on the bank of one of the canals stands his statue in bronze. Population, in 1840, 78,000.

The Hague was once the seat of government, although processing only the name of a village. The magnificence of its edifices and the general neatness of the city, strike the attention of every visiter. The streets are regular, and paved with light-coloured bricks. Population, 58,000. Leyden, four miles from the stands on the ancient bed of the Rhine. It has the most magnificent church in Holland, and is famous for its university. Population, 36,000. Groningen has an university and many learned institutions. Population, 30,000. Nimeguen, on the Waal, has some manufactures and commerce. Population, 14,000. Middleburg, on the island of Walcheren, has a large Gothic town-house ornamented with statues. Population, 35,000. Breds, at the junction of the Aa and the Werck, is one of the strongest towns in Holland. It has a magnificent cathedral. Population, 13,000 Dort or Dordrecht, on an island formed by the Maese and the Biesbosch, has a great trade in wood brought down the Rhine. Population, 19,614. Saardam, on the river Zaan, is a considerable town of wooden houses, almost all of which are painted green: it has considerable commerce and ship-building: almost every house is surrounded by water, and forms with its garden a small island.

BELGIUM.

This kingdom is bounded north by Holland, east by Germany, south-west by France, and north-west by the German Ocean. It extends from 49° 25' to 51° 30' N. lat., and from 2° 40' to 6° 30' E. lon., and comprises 13,000 square miles. The chief rivers are the Scheldt and Maese. The Scheldt rises in France and

flows north-easterly into this country, where it turns to the north and north-west, and, dividing into several channels, falls into the German Ocean. Though not remarkable for length, it is a wide and deep river. Antwerp and Ghent are situated upon it. The Masse flows through the eastern part of the country from France. to Holland.

The climate much resembles that of the south of England. In the interior the air is salubrious: but upon the coast of Flanders, and about the mouths of the

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The soil, in general, is moderately fertile. In Luxemburg, Liege, and Namur, are considerable stony and unproductive tracts. Flanders abounds with excellent corn lands. In the south and south-eastern parts are mines of iron, lead, copper, and coal, and quarries of marble. The whole country is level, but somewhat less so than Holland. In the south are some hills of moderate height. The mining of coal employs more than 30,000 men; the produce is about 3,250,000 tons.

The agriculture of this country has been celebrated for more than 600 years: all travellers bestow high praise upon the skill and industry of the Flemish farmer. Corn, flax, barley, oats, madder, and hops, are raised in great quantities; and tobacco is also cultivated. Pasturage is abundant; the clover and turnips support great numbers of cattle, principally cows.

The canals in Belgium are spacious and commodious, connecting all the great cities; though not nearly equal in number, nor uniting every village, as in Hol-land, Belgium is the first State in Europe in which a general system of railways has been planned and executed by the government at public cost. It was first commenced in 1833. Several of the most important towns are thus connected. The fare is not one-half the rate charged in England, and even less than in the United The intercourse between those cities that are connected by rail-roads is ten times greater than it was before.

The separation of Belgium from Holland was unfavourable, for a time, to the trade of the former; but her commerce and shipping are now increasing rapidly. Antwerp and Ostend are the chief commercial ports of Belgium, and their trade extends to all parts of the world. In 1837, there entered and departed from the cities 4200 sail of ships. The exports of the kingdom are about \$42,000,000 annu-

ally; and the imports \$30,000,000.

The Flemings were once the chief manufacturers of Europe. Three comurica ago, the linens and woollens of Ghent, Louvain, Brussels, and Mechlin, clothed the higher ranks in all the surrounding countries. Subsequently they were gradually superseded by the cheaper fabrics of France and England; but, since the general peace, they have steadily improved in quality and amount. The fine linen fabrics, laces, lawns, and cambrics of Mechlin, Brussels, &c., continue un-rivalled, and enjoy a certain demand throughout Europe. The other manufactures consist of cottons, silks, ribands, hosiery, porcelain, fire-arms, &c. The breweries are numerous and extensive; beer is the common drink of the people.

The manners and customs of the Belgians are somewhat similar to those of France; though in character they bear more resemblance to the Dutch; and have a national antipathy to them, and a preference for the French. They are no less industrious and persevering than the Dutch, and nearly as phlegmatic. The Flemish school of painting is distinguished by brilliant colouring, natural express

sion, and the wonderful effect of light and shade. It is, however, deficient in drawing. The great painters were Rubens, Teniers, and Vandyke.

The Belgians nearly all belong to the Roman Cathelic church. There are 13,000 Protestants, and 1100 Jews in the kingdom. The fullest liberty is allowed. in religious matters, and the clergy, of all denominations, are supported by the

government. There are four colleges in Belgium, viz., Ghent, Brussels, Louvain, and Liege, attended by about 1400 students. Besides atteneums or lyceums, to be found in all the considerable towns, and which supply a middle course of instruction, there are primary schools in every village, by which the benefits of education are communicated to the lowest ranks. In 1838 there were 5622 primary schools, with 421,303 scholars. Sunday schools are in many places well standed; the principal one, as Ghent, has 3000 children.

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In 1838, the income of Belgium was \$17,975,301, and the expenses 18,105,209 dollars. The public debt is \$23,450,000, part of which was contracted for railroads. The Belgian army is upwards of 100,000 men, of whom nearly one-half were on furlough, in 1838. The national guard comprises 257 legions, with an aggregate of 590,000 men. The navy is a small flotilla of gun-boats, manned by 600 officers and seamen: several larger vessels are about to be constructed.

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The government of Belgium is a constitutional monarchy, with a Senate and House of Representatives, the members of which are elected by the people, the first for eight and the latter for four years. Belgium is divided into eight provinces: the population of the kingdom, in 1833, was 4,242,600.

Brussels, the capital, stands on both sides of the river Senne, flowing into the Scheldt. The city was formerly surrounded by a double wall and ditch, but these have been demolished, and the space formed into a handsome public walk planted with trees. The suburbs are extensive, and there are many neighbouring villages joined to the city by long avenues. The lower part of the town consists of narrow streets and old houses. The upper part is modern and regular, with fine buildings and a beautiful park laid out in large regular walks, shaded with trees and surrounded by palaces, public offices, and elegant private houses. Public fountains are interspersed throughout the city, and a large canal here leaves the river. The Hotel de Ville is remarkable for its exquisite Gothic spire. There are many fine squares and palaces, and in the Orange Palace is a library of 100,000 volumes. Half a league from the city is the splendid palace of Schoonenburg. Brussels is distinguished for its manufactures of laces, carpets, tapestry, woollen and cotton cloths, silk stockings, gold and silver lace. Popula., in 1837, 104,265.

Ghent stands at the confluence of three rivers with the Scheldt, and is 7 miles in compass, but contains within its walls many fields and unoccupied grounds. Many of its canals are bordered with quays planted with rows of trees. The houses are large, but heavy and inelegant: here is a fine Gothic cathedral with marble floors and pillars. Ghent has manufactures of fine lace, cotton, linen, woollen, silk, paper, and leather: the trade of the city has lately increased. Population, in 1836, 88,290.

Antwerp, on the Scheldt, is a large and well-built city, surrounded by a wall with carriage roads on the top planted with rows of trees. The city is built in the form of a semicircle, and is intersected by canals. The cathedral is one of the finest Gothic structures in the world, and its spire is unrivalled; it is 441 feet high, and deserves, according to the saying of Charles V., to be kept in a glass case and shown only on holidays. The Stadthouse and Exchange are noble edifices. The harbour is deep and capacious. In the height of its prosperity, Antwerp was one of the most flourishing and wealthy commercial cities in the world, and contained 200,000 inhabitants. Its commerce has greatly declined, and the city has a decayed and solitary appearance. The inhabitants carry on a few manufactures. Population, in 1835, 75,365.

Liege, on the Maese, is divided into three parts by the river, and has extensive suburbs. The houses are high, and many of the streets narrow, crooked and gloomy. Most of the inhabitants are engaged in manufactures and trade. Iron, coal, and alum, abound in the neighbourhood, and afford occupation for all the industry of the place. The manufactures consist of iron, fire-arms, clock-work, rails, for Population in 1836 55 000

nails, &c. Population, in 1836, 58,000.

Bruges, 8 miles from the sea, stands in a fertile plain. It communicates with the sea and the towns in the interior by canals. Here are a college, an academy for painting, sculpture, and architecture, several literary societies, à public library of 6000 volumes, and a botanical garden. The manufacture of lace employs 6000 people, and there are 200 schools in which children are taught this art. The

town house is a superfi gothic edifice; its steeple is furnished with chimes of bells which play a different tune every quarter of an hour. Population, 44,374.

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24,234. Namur, at the confluence of the Maese and Sambre, is a well-built town: the houses are constructed of a blue stone with red and black veins. It town: the noises are constructed of a precipitous rock. Population, 20,176. Luxemburg is a strongly fortified city. Population, 11,242. Spa is famous for its mineral springs situated in a valley surrounded by steep woody kills: it has also some manufactures. Gemappes and Waterloo are celebrated for the battles fought in their neighbourhood. Ostend, a few miles west of Bruges, is one of the most important seaports in the country: regular packets sail from this place to Eagland several times a week, and it has a great trude in the exportation of grain and other products. Population, in 1836, 12,161.

BRITISH ISLANDS:

THE BRITISH ISLANDS, placed nearly in the north-western angle of Europe, command peculiar advantages, no less for natural strength in war, than as an emporium of commerce in peace. On the southern side, they are almost in contact with France, Holland, and Germany, for ages the most enlightened and flourishing countries of the civilized world; on the east, a wide expanse of sea separates them from the bleak region of Scandinavia; on the west, they overlook the Atlantic Ocean, whose limit, in another hemisphere, is the coast of America; while, in the extreme north, they may be almost said to face the unexplored expanse of the Polar Sea. Exclusive of the northern insular appendages, they may be considered as situated between the fiftieth and fifty-ninth degrees of north latitude, and between the second degree of east, and the tenth of west longitude.

They are geographically divided into two islands of unequal magnitude, Great Britain and Ireland. Britain, again, is divided into two unequal parts,—England, which, including Wales, contains 57,960 square miles; and Scotland, which contains 29,600. The three, though united into one kingdom, respectively exhibit tains 29,600. The three, though united into one kingdon peculiarities which characterize them as distinct countries.

The constitution of Great Britain is an hereditary monarchy, in which the power of the sovereign is controlled by the influence of the aristocracy in the house of peers, and by that of the democracy in the house of commons. The House of Lords is composed of all the nobility of England who have attained the age of 21 years and who labour under no disqualification; of 16 representative peers from Scotland, of 28 representative peers from Ireland; and likewise of 30 spiritual lords, viz. the two English archbishops and twenty-four bishops, and one archbishop and three bishops of Ireland. The house of commons consists of 658 members, of which 471 English members are chosen by counties, universities, cities, and boroughs; for Wales 29, and for Scotland 53, members, chosen by counties, cities, and boroughs; and for Ireland there are 105 members, chosen by counties, universities, cities, and boroughs. The ministry is composed of the first lords of the treasury, the chancellor of the exchequer, the three secretaries of foreign affairs, of the home department, and of war, the lord chancellor, the president of the council, the treasurer of the navy, the paymaster of the forces, the commissioners of the treasury, and other persons of high treasury. The first lord of the treasury is mostly considered the premier, or prime minister.

The navy is the force on which Great Britain mainly relies for maintaining her own independence and her ascendency over foreign nations. By it she her required, in a measure, the sovereignty of the seas, and the advantages which these sovereignty confers, of securing her possessions in the most distant quarters of the globe, of protecting her commerce and sustaining the exertions of her armies during war. During the most active period of the last maritime war, the number of seamen in employment amounted to 140,000; and there were in commission 160 sail of the line, and 150 frigates, with 30,000 marines. The estimate for 1838 comprehended 30,000 seamen and 19,000 marines. Their pay amounted to £1,051,916; subsistence to £452,898; which, with cost of stores and allowance for wear and tear, raised the expense to nearly £2,000,000. The building and repair of vessels, the charges of the dockyards, pay of officers, and other items, amounted to about an equal sum. These charges with £3,548,166 in half-pay and pensions, made up the sum of £4,521,481 as the entire navy estimate for the year 1838. In 1841 the British may comprised 575 vessels, of all grades, including 125 armed steamers: about a third part of the navel force is in commission.

The military force of the nation, at the close of the French wars, amounted to 200,000 regular troops exclusive of about 100,000 embodied militia, a large amount of local militia and volunteers, to which might also be added a number of regiments employed in the territories of the East India Company, and in its pay. After the peace of 1816 a rapid reduction of the military establishment was effected. The militia were disembodied, the regular force was reduce', and in 1836 the estimates were for 88,516 men, independent of 20,000 employed in India and paid out of the land revenue of that country. The charge for these forces was 26,473,183, but about half of this sum consisted of half-pay, retired allowences, pensions, and other charges consequent on the torner immense estab-

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The national debt of Great Britain, in 1833, was 792,306,442 pounds sterling. This enormous amount has been accumulated by borrowing money, and anticipating each year's revenue to pay the interest. The debt is of two kinds, funded and unfunded. The unfunded debt consists of deficiencies in the payments of government, for which no regular security has been given and which bear no interest, and of bills, or promissory notes, issued by the exchequer to defray occasional expenses. When debts of the kind have accumulated, and payment is demanded, it becomes necessary to satisfy the demand, or provide for the regular payment of the interest. Recourse has been always had to the latter method; and a particular branch of the actual revenue is mortgaged for the interest of the debt. Money borrowed in this manner is said to be borrowed by funding. The public funds or stocks are nothing more than the public debts; and to have a share in these stocks is to be a creditor of the nation. There are about 280,000 holders of public stock in Great Britain. A large amount of the current yearly expenditure is appropriated for the payment of the interest of the national debt: in 1838, the amount was £39,461,528. Income, £51,720,747; expenditure, £51,278,928.

The manufactures of Britain have astonished the world, and raised her to a decided superiority over all other nations. This distinction she has attained, not so much by their extreme fineness, as by the immensity of useful and valuable products calculated for the consumption of the great body of mankind; and, above all, in the stupendous exertions made in contriving and constructing the machinery by which they are produced. About one-fourth of the whole industry of the country is absorbed by the cotton manufacture, the annual amount of which is estimated at £35,000,000. Of this £18,000,000 is paid in wages, to 800,000 persons employed in its various branches; and, allowing for those dependent on them, it affords subsistence to not less than 1,400,000 persons. The annual value of the woollen manufactures is about £22,000,000, and the people employed number about 500,000. The value of silk goods made is reckoned at £10,000,000: of the different manufactures of metals, the entire produce is £17,000,000, amploying 350,000 people.

The imports into Great Britain, in 1838, amounted to £53,324,874, and the exports to £72,312,207. Two-thirds of the commerce of the kingdom is carried on at the port of London; and one-sixth per the shipping belongs to that city. In 1838, there belonged to the British empty 1838, there belonged to the British empty 1838, amounted each to 10,500.202 to the coasting-trade, in 2238, amounted each to 10,500.202 to the coasting-trade, in the same year, foreign vessels, comprising 88 and navigated by 53,601 men, and navigated by 53,601 men,

Coal and iron, the most valuable as all the mineral substances from which Bri-

tian derives her prosperity, exists in vast quantities, in various parts of the island: the amount of coal annually reised, is computed at 31 million tons; giving employment, in all its branches, to 160,000 persons. The annual manufacture of iron amounts to 1,500,000 tons. Of salt, the annual produce is about 15,000,000

bushels; of which 10,000,000 are exported.

The colonies of Great Britain are found in every quarter of the globe. The most important are the East India possessions, which comprise above a million square miles of territory, and a population of upwards of 130 millions. These are under the sway of a mercantile association in London, called the English East India Company, which has existed for above two centuries. Their revenue exceeds that of any European State, except England, France, and Russia. In 1838, it was estimated at £15,437,451. The taxable population under the control of the Company amounts to 92,640,000. They have 41,000,000 additional inhabitants at their command, under dependent native princes, with an army of 270,000 men. The general concerns of the company are subjected to the authority of a board of control, who are appointed by the crown, and are under the direction of the ministry: the loval affairs, however, are directed by the Company. The colonies belonging to 'ireat Britain are—In Europe, Heligoland, Gibraltar, Malta, and the Ionian Is/.nds:—Asia, Aden in Arabia, Hindoostan, Ceylon, Prince of Wales Island, the Povince of Wellesley, Singapore, Malacca, the Provinces in Birmah, and the Island of Hong Kong, near Canton;—Africa, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast Castle, and dependencies, Cape Colony, Isle of France, and the Seychelles, St. Helena, and Ascension;—Oceanica, Australia, Van Diemen's Land, and New Zealand;—America, New Britain, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island, Newfoundland, the Bermudas, the Balize, with the colonies of Demerare, Essequibo, and Berbice, in Guiana.

POPULATION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND COLONIES, 1845.

Great Britain and Ireland, in 1841	27,019,707	
European dependencies		
British America	1,550,000	
West Indies, Demerara, &c., Honduras		
African Colonies		
Aden, Ceylon, Prov. in Birmah, Singapore, &c	2,874,656	
East India Co.'s Ter., (including Scrampore and Tranquebar)		
Colonies in Oceanica (British only)		
Total British ampire	169 705 540	

ENGLAND.

ENGLAND is bounded on the south by the English Channel; on the east by the German Sea; on the north by Scotland, from which it is separated by the Tweed, the Cheviot hills, and the Frith of Solway; on the west by the Irish Sea and St. George's Channel: the promontory of the Land's-End, forming its south-western extremity, faces the vast expanse of the Atlantic.

The greatest dimension of England is from north to south, between the Lizard Point, 49° 58' N., and Berwick on Tweed, 55° 45' N.; four hundred miles in length. The points of extreme breadth are the Land's-End, in 51° 41' W., and

Lowestoffe, in 1º 44' E., forming a space of about 280 miles.

The general aspect of this country is varried and delightful. In some parts, verdant pleins extend as far as the eye can reach, watered by copious streams. In
other parts, are pleasing diversities of gently rising hills and bending vales, fertile in grath, waving with wood, and interspersed with meadows. Some tracts
abound with prospects of the more romantic kind; embracing lofty mountains,
craggy rocks, deep narrow dells, and tumbling torrents. There are also, here and
there, black moors and wide uncultivated heaths. The general aspect of Wales
is bold, romantic and mountainous. It consists of ranges of lofty eminences and
impending crags, intersected by numerous and deep ravines, with extensive valleys, and affording endless views of wild mountain scenery.

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The rivers of England, though deficient in magnitude, are numerous, commodious, and valuable; flowing through broad vales and wide-spreading plains. The largest is the Severn, which rises near Plinlimmon, a high mountain in Wales. Its embouchure forms a wide bay, called the Bristol Channel. It is 200 miles long, and is navigable in the latter part of its course. The tide rolls up this stream in waves three or four fret high.

The Thames rises near the Severn in the lower part of its course, and flows east into the German Ocean. It is 160 miles long, and is navigable for ships to London, 60 miles. This is the most important river of Great Britain for navigation. The Mersey is a small stream flowing south-west into the Irish Sea at Liverpool; it is navigable 35 miles. The Dee rises in Wales, and flows north-west into the Irish Sea near the mouth of the Mersey. The Trent and Ouse rise in the north, and by their junction form the Humber, which is a good navigable stream, and falls into the German Ocean.

The lakes are numerous and occur principally in the north-west portions of the kingdom, of which Windermere, the largest, only twelve miles long and one broad, has been raised to distinction by the taste of the age for picturesque beauty,

rather than as a geographical feature of the country.

England has an atmosphere of fogs, rain, and perpetual change; yet the climate is mild. The rigours of winter and the heats of summer are less felt than on the continent under the same parallel. The winds from the sea temper the extremes of heat and cold; the changes, however, are sudden. Westerly and southwesterly winds are most prevalent, and also the most violent. Next are the north and north-east. The perpetual moisture of the air is sometimes unfavourable to the crops, but its general effect is to cover the whole island with the deepest verdure. The meadows and fields are usually green throughout the winter: and the transient snows that occasionally fall upon them are insufficient to deprive them of their brilliancy. Many kinds of kitchen vegetables, as cabbages, cauliflowers, broccoli, and celery, often remain uninjured in the gardens through the winter.

Mines form one of the most copious sources of the wealth of England. The

useful metals and minerals, those which afford the instruments of manufacture and are subservient to the daily purposes of life, are now drawn from the earth more copiously there than in any other country. Her most valuable metals are iron, copper, and tin; her principal minerals are coal and salt. Notwithstanding the general inferiority of the soil, England is under such excellent cultivation, that the country may be considered as one great garden. Farming is, in many parts, conducted on a great scale, by men of intelligence, enterprise and capital; and the science as well as practice of agriculture is critical to a high degree of perfection. In the northern counties, the farms are large, and are leased generally for 21 years. In the southern counties, the farms are smaller, and the tenants are

often proprietors.

The commerce of England is unrivalled by that of any other nation in the world. Every quarter of the globe seems tributary to the enterprise and perseverance of this great commercial people. The manufactures of this kingdom far surpass in amount and variety, those of any other nation that has ever existed; and form the most astonishing display of the fruits of human industry and skill. The vast numbers of people employed in them, give no adequate idea of their immense extent, as the great perfection to which labour-saving machinery is carried in England, enables one man to do the work of 150. The cotton manufacture would have required, half a century ago, 50,000,000 men, and the power now employed in it alone in Great Britain exceeds the manufacturing industry of all the rest of Europe collectively. The other most important branches are woollen, silk, linen, and hardware.

In the northern counties of England are great manufactures of broadcloth and every other kind of woollen goods, principally in the West Riding of Yorkshire, at Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford, Halifax, and Huddersfield. Sheffield has manufactures of cutlery and plated goods. Manchester, and its neighbourhood, is the at seat of the cotton manufacture.

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iron, and china ware: the stocking manufactures of Nottingham; the woollenger Leicestershire; the pottery of Staffordshire; the hardware of Birmingham; the ribands of Coventry; the carpeting of Kidderminster; the broadcloth of Stroud. Flannels are the chief article of Welsh manufacture. In the southern counties are the cotton, paper, and blankets of Berkshire; the flannels of Salisbury; the cordage of Dorsetshire; the woollens of every sort in Devonshire; and every kind of goods, particularly the finer articles of upholstery, jewelry and every material of luxury, are manufactured in and about London.

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The interior navigation of England is justly regarded as one of the prime sources of her prosperity. Till the middle of last century, the making of canals did not enter into the system of English economy. In 1755, was formed the Sankey canal, a line of twelve miles, to supply Liverpool with coal from the pits at St. Helen's. The example then set by the Duke of Bridgewater gave a general impulse to the nation. Since that time, upwards of 30,000,000l sterling have been expended in this object. Twenty-one canals have been carried across the central chain of hills, by processes in which no cost has been spared; all the resources of art and genius have been employed; every obstacle, however formidable, which nature could present, has been vanquished. By locks, and by inclined planes, the vessels are conveyed up and down the most rugged steeps; they are even carried across navigable rivers by bridges. When other means fail, the engineer has cut through the heart of rocks and hills a subterraneous passage. Of these tunnels, as they are called, there are said to be forty-eight, the entire length of which is at least forty miles.

The canals, in total length, amount to more than 2600 miles. The longest extends from Liverpool on the Mersey, to Leeds on the Humber, 130 miles, effording a navigation for vessels of 30 tons completely across the island. It has 2 tunnels and many locks. The Grand Junction Canal extends from the neighbourhood of London, to the Oxford Canal; it is 93 miles long, and has 2 tunnels; one above a mile, and the other nearly 2 miles in length; it has 101 locks. The Grand Trunk is a part of the same communication; it is 93 miles in length, and has 4 tunnels, amounting to 2 miles. The Ashby de la Zouch Canel is 40 miles long, extending from the Coventry Canal to an iron railway. It has a tunnels, 2 aqueduct bridges, and an iron railway branching from it. The Bridge water Canal is 40 miles in length, and extending from the Mersey, divides into 2 branches, one terminating at Manchester, and the other at Pennington. This, with the Trent and Mersey Canal, forms a communication of 70 miles; 16 miles of this canal are under ground among the mountains. Our limits will not permit us to give further The canals of England communicate with one another, and afford

immense facilities for internal commerce.

Railways form another contrivance, by which the conveyance of passengers and goods is wonderfully facilitated. They were first used, on a small scale, chiefly in the coal-mines round Newcastle, for conveying the mineral from the interior to the surface, and thence to the place of shipping. They were gradually employed on a greater scale, particularly in Wales, where the county of Glamorgan has one twenty-five miles. twenty-five miles long. In 1830 locomotive engines were the introduced and used on the Liverpool and Manchester Rail-road: this inversion on the control of miles an hour. This extraordinary speed has also been attained with a great increase of comfort and security; the accidents by rail-roads being decidedly fewer, as compared with the number of passengers, than those arising out of travelling by common carriages. Rail-roads have been opened from London to Birmingham, London to Southampton, London to Bath and Bristol, London to Brighton, and to other places; and a vast number of new undertakings, of the same kind, are now

The population of England, in former times, was imperfectly known; being calculated only from very vague surveys and estimates. In 1377 the results of a poll-tax were given as 2,300,000; but from the many evasions to which such a census would give rise, that number was probably below the truth. In the reign of Elizaboth, during the alarm of a menaced Spanish invasion in 1876, a pretty careful survey was made, the result of which gave 4,500,000. At the time of the Revolution, the increase appeared to be about a million. From the commencement of the present century decennial enumerations have been made, of which the following are the results:—

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Total	9,343,578	10,804,176	974	19,998,175	341	14,180,591	98	16,005,194	274

The national character of the English exhibits some very bold and marked features. Of these the most conscious is that love of liberty which pervades all classes. The liberty for angular the English have successfully contended, includes the right of thinking, saying, writing, and doing most things which opinion may dictate, and inclination prompt. The knowledge that the highest offices and dignities in the state are accessible to all, redoubles their activity, and enourages them to perseverance. It is but little more than a century since they began to be distinguished as a manufacturing and commercial people, yet they have already outstripped other European nations in mechanical ingenuity, in industry, and in mercantile enterprise. The enormous increase of capital, and the substitution of machinery for human labour in most of their manufactures, seem likely at no distant period to produce a total change in the condition of British society.

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The English are the most provident people in the world. More than a million of individuals are members of friendly societies, and the deposits in savings banks exceed 13,000,000. The great extension of life insurances affords another proof this laudable disposition. The English also deserve to be called a humane people, zealous, both from feeling and from principle, for the promotion of everything that tends to the welfare of their fellow-creatures. Crime in England has undergone a considerable change. Highway robbery, so pavalent towards the beginning and middle of last century, is now nearly unknown, and all sorts of creating and violence have been materially lessened. On the other hand, there has an a very rapid increase, particularly within the last thirty years, of crimes against property. A material change was some time since effected in the criminal law of

England, by the abolition of an immense number of capital punishments.

The institutions for public education in England are extensive and splendidly endowed. The two Universities of Oxford and Cambridge are not only the wealthiest, but the most ancient in Europe. The London University and King's College have been recently instituted. The schools of Eton, Westminster, St. Paul's, Winchester, Harrow, and Rugby, are nearly on the same scale as our colleges. There are multitudes of other schools, public and private, and in them all a long-continued, systematic, and thorough course of instruction is given. Though education at any of these institutions is expensive, yet so general is the conviction of its superior importance, that the children of all persons in tolerable circumstances are well educated. The children of the poorer classes, by means of Sunday schools and the efforts of their parents, are generally taught to read and write. Immense numbers of volumes, consisting of the works of the best English authors, are circulated in every part of the kingdom, in the form of weekly or monthly namphers, at a very cheap rate. Even the poorest mechanics and labourers are the habit of spending a considerable part of their leisure in the personal considerable part of their leisure in the personal considerable part of their leisure in

The Episcopal Access T rigion is that established by law, and the king is the head of the church. T re are two archbishops, and twenty-four bishops, all of whom, except the Bishop of Sodor and Man, are peers of the realm, and have seats in the House of Lords. The Archbishop of Canterbury is called the Primate of all England, and his rank is that next below the royal family. The Archbishop of York is called the Primate of England. The bishops have some temporal authority, and the ecclesiastical jurisdiction extends to all questions of births, mar-

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riages, deaths, probate of wills, and delinquencies of the inferior clergy. Under the bishops, are the deans, prebendaries, archdeacons, rectors, priests, curates, and deacons. The churchwardens overlook the alms for the poor. The clergy of the established church are a learned and pious body, though many individuals there are in it, who have neither learning nor piety. The dissenters are a numerous body, and have many ministers of great learning and purity of mind. The dissenters are chiefly Methodists, Baptists, and Quakers. The Catholics are numerous, and have several colleges and convents.

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The small islands attached to England are unimportant. Man, thirty miles in length by twelve in breadth, is nearly equidistant from each of the three kingdoms. It comprises a considerable extent of level territory; but rises in the interior into high mountains, among which Snowfell, nearly 2000 feet high, stands conspicuous. Man ranked long as an independent sovereignty, held by the Earls of Derby, and is celebrated for the gallant defence made by the countess of that name for Charles I. It descended afterwards to the Duke of Athol, from whom the sovereignty was purchased, in 1765, by the British government, with a view to the prevention of smuggling, and to the establishment of a free trade. The population in 1841 47,975. Castletown, the capital, is the neatest town in the island; and in its centre, Castle Ruthven, the ancient palace of the kings of Man, rears its gloomy and majestic brow. Douglas, however, as being the spot in which the whole trade circulates, is now of superior importance, and has attracted a great number of English settlers. The Scilly Isles, situated at some distance from the western extremity of Cornwall, are tenanted by 2,583 poor inhabitants, who raise a little grain, but depend chiefly upon fishing, pilotage, and the making of kelp.

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Jersey, Guernsey, and Alderney, with Sark, form a group naturally French, and originally part of the patrimony of the Norman kings, which the naval superiority of England has enabled her to retain. The climate is mild and agreeable, and the soil generally fertile. Jersey, the finest of the group, is so abundant in orchards, that cider forms the chief object of exportation. St. Helier, the capital of Jersey, is a handsome town. Population of the whole group, in 1841, was 76.065.

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London is the metropolis of the United Kingdom, the seat of legislation, of jurisrudence, and of government; it is the principal residence of the sovereign, at
which affairs of state are transacted, and regulations maintained with foreign
courts. It is the centre of all important operations, whether of commerce or
finance, and of correspondence with every quarter of the globe. The City lies on
both sides of the river Thames. It is seven miles long, five miles wide, and contains an area of about thirty square miles. More particularly it is considered
under three divisions; the City proper, in the east; Westminster, in the west, and
Southwark, on the south side of the river. The buildings are generally of brick.
The streets in some parts are wide, and few are so narrow as not to admit two
carriages abreast. At the west end, they are mostly straight, and sufficiently
broad for five or six carriages. Here are the residences of the nobility and the
rich. Regent street, in this quarter, is probably the most magnificent street in
the world. In the City, or the central and oldest part, the streets are narrow and
crooked, but here the great business of London is transacted. The east end is
occupied by shops, victualling-houses, and people connected with commerce.
Here are immense timber-yards, docks, and magazines.

London contains a great number of squares: the handsomest is Grosvenor Square, an area of six acres, and containing an equestrian statue of George II. The buildings around it are the most superb in London. The largest square is that called Lincoln's Inn Fields, which occupies a space just equal to that covered by the great pyramid of Egypt. The finest public walks are at the west end; Green Park, Hyde Park, St. James's Park, and Regent's Park, are beautiful fields and gardens, ornamented with trees; these are the resort of thousands who walk for exercise or pleasure. These parks are very extensive, Hyde Park contains 304 acres, and in the afternoon of Sunday is thronged by crowds of fashionable people who pour along the promenades, like the ebbing and flowing tide. In Regent's Park is an immense edifice called the Coliscum, in which may be used.

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a panorams of London as viewed from the dome of St. Paul's. The gardens of the Zoological Society are also in this park. They are elegantly laid out, and contain an interesting collection of rare animals from all parts of the world.

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The churches of London have the most prominent and imposing share in its architectural splendour. St. Paul's Cathedral is the most magnificent edifice in the city, but is pent up in a narrow area, and surrounded by shops and buildings of a mean appearance. The interfor of the cathedral does not equal its noble exterior. It would be little else than an immense vault with heavy columns, were it not relieved by statuary. Besides St. Paul's there are 487 churches in London.

it not relieved by statuary. Besides St. Paul's there are 487 churches in London. Westminster Abbey, some distance higher up the river, is one of the noblest existing monuments of Gothic architecture. It has a vast, airy, and lofty appearance, which inspires feelings of awe and veneration. The chapel of Henry VII., at the east end of the church, is unrivalled for gorgeous magnificence. The city of Westminster and north-eastern suburb of London contain many splendid modern churches, almost all in the classic style. London has few public edifices, compared to its great size and wealth. Westminster Hall was once a palace; here the kings of England are crowned, and here the parliament hold their sittings. It has the largest hall without pillars in Europe. St. James's Palace is an ill-looking brick building, but contains spacious and splendid apartments.

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There are 6 bridges over the Thames: of these, Waterloo bridge is built of granite, and Southwark and Vauxhall bridges, of iron. A more remarkable object is the Tunnel, a passage under the river at a point where a bridge would be detrimental to the navigation. This work was performed by sinking a perpendicular shaft near the river, and working horizontally under the bottom of the Thames. This city has 19 theatres, of which Drury Lane, Covent Garden, and the King's

This city has 19 theatres, of which Drury Lane, Covent Garden, and the King's theatre or Italian Opera, are among the first in Europe. It has 170 hospitals; 16 schools of medicine; as many of law; 5 of theology; 18 public libraries; 300 elementary free-schools; 25 dispensaries, where the poor receive medicine and attendance gratis; 14 prisons; and 80 newspapers, 13 of which are printed daily; 323 periodical publications of various kinds; 15,000 vessels are generally in port at a time; 1500 carriages a day leave the city at stated hours; 4000 wagons are employed in the country trade; the annual commerce of the city is estimated at 130 millions sterling. London is the principal literary emporium of the kingdom. Almost all books of importance are there printed and published, and thence distributed over the kingdom, forming a considerable branch of commerce. The annual value sold is estimated at from £1,000,000 to £2,000,000 sterling. The proposition of the city in 1831, was 1474 066, and in 1841, 1873 576.

population of the city, in 1831, was 1,474,069, and in 1841, 1,973,676.

Liverpool, at the mouth of the Mersey, on the Irish Sea, is an important commercial city, onjoying a vast trade by sea, and communicating with all parts of the interior by canals and rail-roads. The city stretches along the east bank of the river 3 miles, with a breadth of one mile. It is irregularly built, but the public buildings are elegant. The Exchange is perhaps the most splendid structure which a mercantile community ever raised from its own resources: it cost 100,000 pounds, and is double the size of the Royal Exchange of London. The Town Hall is another noble edifice. In the west of the city are quays and docks of great extent. The largest dock will contain 100 ships affoat. The commerce of the place employs 15,000 vessels, and pays £4,600,000 sterling to the revenue in duties. Here are also manufactories of porcelain, soap, sugar, &c., with large breweries and founderies. The Lyceum has a library of 30,000, and the Atheneum one of 17,500 volumes. The population, in 1831, 165,175; in 1841, 386,487.

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on this and another stream in the city. The spectator here is struck with astonishment at the eight of the immense magazines of goods designed for the markets of every quarter of the globe. A subject of no less astonishment is the contrast of the poverty of the artisans, with the wealth of their employers. The manufactures consume annually \$40,000,000 pounds of cotton. There are a vast number of founderies and other establishments around the city. Two canals and the rail-road to Liverpool facilitate its trade. Manchester has many literary and benevolent institutions; a public library of \$5,000 volumes, and a population of \$90.183.

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ondonrity or ridges Birmingham is situated in the centre of England. The upper part has some regular streets and handsome buildings. Most of the streets are broad and commodious. The manufactures of arms, sheet-iron, hardware and jeweiry, at this place, are immense; 29,000 families are occupied in them. Here is the celebrated machinery of Watt, the great mechanical inventor. It employs 1300 men, and produces every week 1500 meakets. A single machine for coining money strikes 30,000 or 40,000 pieces in an hour. Ten canals open a communication with the surrounding districts. Population in 1841, 189,939.

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Leeds, in Yorkshire, is a great market for fine broadcloths, which are here sold in two immense halls. York is remarkable for its cathedral, called the Minster; the largest Gothic edifice in England, and perhaps in Europe, being 538 feet long. An insane fanatic set fire to this magnificent structure in 1829, and a great part of it was destroyed, but most of the damage has been repaired. York has many other beautiful buildings: its streets are wide and well paved, and the city is surrounded by a wall now much decayed. The population, in 1841, was 151,063.

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Bristol, on the channel of that name, is accessible for ships of 1000 tons, and has considerable foreign commerce. It is irregular, with narrow streets. The handsomest parts are the suburbs. The cathedral is richly ornamented, and gives the city a picturesque appearance at a distance. This city has brase works, pin manufactories, glass, sugar, and soap houses, distilleries, &c. Population 132,296.

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Portsmouth, on the English channel, is the most important naval station in the kingdom. Its magazines and docks are the most perfect in the world. The spacious road of Spithead, at this place, is capable of sheltering 1000 ships of the lime of Population in 1841, 53,038.

Bath is famous for its medicinal waters, which, in the fine season, extract all crowds of invalids and thousands of dissipated idlers. The city is wholly be of light-coloured freestone. It occupies a fine situation upon a rising is esteemed the handsomest city in England. It has many heautiful or and a magnificent cathedral. Being a place of mere amusement, a little population is migratory. Population in 1841, 52,346.

Oxford is one of the handsomest cities in Europe, and contains the muniversity in England, consisting of 24 colleges. These buildings, with seventeen churches, and numerous other academical structures, are surrounded with groves, gardene, avenues of majestic trees, and a variety of winding streams. To these are added the incessant pealing of innumerable bells, and the multitude and mystical variety of academic dresses; all combining to produce the most striking effect upon a stranger. Population in 1841, 23,834.

Cambridge, like Oxford, owes its celebrity to its university, which has 13 colleges. Population in 1841, 24,453.

Wales is a territory which, though united to England by early conquest, still retains the title of a separate principality, and possesses a national aspect. The verdant and extensive plains of western England here give place to the lofty mountain, the deep valley, the roaring torrent, and the frightful precipice. Wales has rivers and torrents without number, which roll through its mountain valleys, and whose banks, adorned with verdure and cultivation, combine in the most striking manner with the lofty and varied summits which tower above them. The loftiest mountains are in North Wales; its valleys are deeper and narrower; and it presents more strikingly all the characteristic features of Welsh scenery. In South Wales, on the contrary, the valleys are broader, more fertile, and fuller of towns and villages; they often even expand into wide plains, still encircled by a

mountain boundary. Agriculture, in such a country, labours under many disadvantages, and is carried on too often upon the old system of infield and outfield. Manufactures are nearly confined to the article of flannel, which has always been a fabric of the Welsh, in which they still excel their Yorkshire rivals. It is to mining, however, that the industry of Wales has been chiefly attracted, by the profusion of mineral wealth which nature has lodged in the bowels of its mountains. The lead of Flint, Caernaryon, and other counties of North Wales; the copper of Anglesey, and above all, the iron of Glamorgan and other counties in the British Channel, are objects of extensive importance. Coal is found almost everywhere, and vast quantities of rail-road iron are made, much of which is exported to the United State.

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The Welsh are a Celtic race, the descendants of the ancient Britons, who, in these mountain recesses, sought refuge from the destroying sword of the Saxons, which so completely dispossessed them of the low country of England. They could not resist the overwhelming power of Edward I, who annexed Wales to the English crown. In order to hold it in subjection, however, he was obliged to construct, not only on its frontier, but in its interior, castles of immense extent and strength. Yet they did not prevent formidable insurrections, in one of which Owen Glendower maintained himself for years as an independent prince. Within the last 300 years, the Welsh have been as peaceable as any other subjects of the empire. They have retained, of their feudal habits, only venial failings. Among these is national pride, through which the genuine Cambrian holds his country and his nation superior to all others, and regards the Sasna or Saxon as a lower race of yesterday. With this is connected, in a high degree, the pride of pedigree; even the humblest Welshman tracing his origin far above any lowland genealogy. Strong ties of friendship subsist between the land-owners and their tenants; manifested, on one side, by indulgence and protecting kindness; on the other, by a profound veneration for the representatives of the ancient chiefs of their race. The Welsh have many superstitions, mixed with much genuine religious feeling. They are hardy, active, lively, hospitable, kind-hearted; only a little hot and quarrelsome. Their English neighbours complain that they have not yet attained that pitch of industry and cleanliness in which the former place

their pride. Population, in 1841, 911,603. Counties, 12, The chief mountains in Wales are Snowdon, 3571 feet; Cader-Idris, 3550; Corned-Llewellyn, Arran-Towddy, &c. The rivers are the Severn, Wye, Conway, Towy, Dee, &c. Merthyn-Tydvil, situated in the iron-mine region of Glamorganshire, has become, from a mere village, the most populous place in Wales. Population, 34,977. Swansea has also riven to some importance, from the iron and copper works with which it is surrounded. Coal is likewise largely exported. Its pleasant situation has made it an extensive resort for sea-bathing, and led to the erection of many elegant buildings. Population, 16,787. Caermarthen, situated on the Towy, which admits to it vessels of 300 tons, is one of the most flouristing and best-built towns in Wiles. Population, 9,403. Caernarvon is a handsome, well-built place. Its chief ornament is the castle, a stately edifice hullt by Edward I., to curb the spirit of the newly subdued Welsh. Population, Some other of the chief towns in Wales are, Holywell, 5864; Mold, 3557;

Pembroke, 7212; Cardiff, 9714; and Brecknock, 5026.

SCOTLAND.

Scottand is bounded on the south by England, from which it is separated by a line drawn along the Tweed, the Cheviot Hills, and thence to the Solway Frith. On every other side it is bounded by the Atlantic, the Northern and the German The length of Scotland, from the Mull of Galloway, in about 40° 40' to Dunnet Head, Caithness, in 58° 40', is 280 miles. The greatest breadth, from Buchan-Ness to a point on the opposite shore of Inverness is 130 miles.

The entire extent of Scotland is 29,600 ware miles. In its general outline,

it consists of two great and perfectly distinct parts: the Lowlands and the Highlands. The former comprehends all Scotland south of the friths of Forth and Clyde. Immediately north of the Clyde, the highland ranges begin to tower in endless succession; but on the east coast, the Lowlands extend beyond the Forth and northwards for some assance. The Highlands, which comprise the whole west and centre of northern Scotland, form a region of very bleak and rugged aspect, and contain within their recesses a primitive people, who, in dress, language, and the whole train of their social ideas, differ essentially from the Lowlanders, and have retained antique and striking characteristics, both physical and moral, that are obliterated in almost every other part of Great Britain.

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Among the Scottish mountains, the most considerable are the Grampians, a name which is given very generally to all those which cover the surface of the Highlands, but applied more particularly to the chain running across the counties of Perth and Argyle, and comprising Ben Lomond, Ben Ledi, of that elevated ridge which directly face the low country of Stirling and Perth. Several of these mountains exceed the altitude of 4000 feet. Ben Nevis rises to the height

The rivers of Scotland are not so much distinguished for their length or magnitude, as for the pactoral scenery through which they wind their early course, and for the magnificent estuaries which they form at their junction with the sea.

The Forth rises near the foot of Ben Lomond, flows west towards Stirling, near which it is swelled by the larger stream of the Teith; whence, after many windings through the beautiful plain overlooked by Stirling castle, it opens into the great frith on which the capital of Scotland is situated.

Some of the others are the Tay, the Clyde, the Tweed, the Spey, the Dee, &c. Lochs form a characteristic feature of Scotland; many of them are long arms of the sea, running up into the heart of the mountains. Among these, Loch Lomond is pre-eminent. The traveller admires its vast expanse, its gay and numerous islands, its wooded promontories and bays, and the high mountain barrier at its head. Loch Katrine, in a smaller compass, presents a singular combination of romantic beauty. Loch Tay, enclosed by the loftiest of the Grampians, presents alpine scenery on the grandest scale; while at Inverary, Loch Fyne unites the pomp of art with that of nature. The long chain of Lochs Linnhe, Lochy, and Ness, stretching diagonally across Scotland, comprises much fine scenery, and has afforded facilities for making a navigable communication between the German and Atlantic Cocasis.

Oats and potatoes are the chief agricultural products raised in Scotland; the next important are wheat, barley, beans and peas, turnips and flax. Oatmeal and potatoes form the food of the mass of the people, and large quantities of fish are consumed.

Both the commerce and manufactures of Scotland have grown in importance since the union with England. Commerce has flourished chiefly since the middle of the last century. Greenock and Aberdeen are the most important commercial places. The shipping of Scotland, in 1840, comprised 3479 vessels, of 429,304 lone, and 28,428 men. The revenue in the same year was about £5,000,000.

The manufactures consist of cotton, woollen, linen, floss silk, iron, hats, paper, sailcloth, pottery, and small quantities of most of the articles made in England. In 1839 there were 676 cotton, woollen, flax, and silk manufactories, employing 95,000 persons, one-third of whom were adults. The value of the manufactures is estimated at \$100,000,000 a year. In 1844 there were 70 furnaces in blast, which produced 346,200 ons of pig-iron annually. Next to iron, lead and copper are the most valuable metric. Cobalt, bismuth, and some ore minerals are met with.

The herring, cod, and salmon fisheries are considerable sources of wealth. The number of herring taken on the coast is immense: the fishermen go in small crafts called busses. The amount cured, in 1841, exceeded 543,000 barrels; 100,000 cwt. of cod were cured in 1841. Salmon, taken in all the considerable rivers, and kept fresh by being packed in ice, chiefly supplies the London market. In 1841, 3,200,000 pounds were sent there.

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the surface, and hence canals have never become very numerous. Canal" admits vessels of considerable size to pass from the Frith of Forth to that of Clyde, and thus unites the German and Atlantic Greans. Branches to Glasgow and to the coal-field at Monkland have been opened. The Union Canal, completed at an expense of nearly £400,000, connects the Great Canal, near its eastern point, with Edinburgh, by a line of thirty miles through a country very rich in coal and lime. The Caledonian Canal, uniting the chain of lakes which crosses Scotland diagonally, allows even ships of war to pass, from the east coast, into the Atlantic, without encountering the perils of the Pentland Frith and Cape Wrath. It was finished in 1822, at an expense of nearly £1,000,000 sterling, entirely defrayed by government. This canal is 50 feet broad; length 22 miles, with 40 miles of lake navigation. Several railways have been constructed in Scotland. They are mostly in the manufacturing districts, of which Glasgow and Dundee are the centres. The Edinburgh and Glasgow road is 46 miles in length, and cost £1,200,000. It is proposed to connect the Scottish and English roads.

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Of the population of Scotland an estimate was first attempted in the year 1755, when it was computed to be 1,265,380. The reports of the clergy for the "Stawhen it was computed to 5 1,326,492; which was raised by the government enumeration of 1801 to 1,599,000. The census of 1811 gave 1,805,000; which was raised by that of 1821 to 2,093,456. In 1831, it was

2,363,849; and in 1841, 2,620,610.

The Scots have always been a religious people, and in former times they were very zealous Catholics. In 1560, the Presbyterian form of worship was introduced, chiefly by the exertions of John Knox, the Scottish reformer, but it was not recognised by the legislature until 1592. The Scottish church, or kirk, is a perfect democracy, all its members being equal in point of privileges. It is under the control of the general assembly, a body consisting of representatives from the different presbyteries who meet once a year at Edinburgh. About a fourth part of the inhabitants of Scotland are dissenters, as Episcopalians, Seceders, &c.; and there is a considerable number of Roman Catholics in the Highlands and large cities. The right of patronage or power of nominating ministers to vacant pulpits by the crown and landed proprietors, instead of the people, is considered a great grievance. It occasioned a schism in 1741, and within a few years past a number of ministers on account of it have left their parishes and established the "Free Church of Scotland." They depend for support and the erection of churches upon the liberality of those who became attached to them as hearers. This new establishment is becoming popular. It includes one-half the ministers in the kingdom.

The Scots are for the most part a grave, serious, and reflecting people, but at the same time enterprising and persevering. They are generally better ducated and more moral and religious in their habits than perhaps any other people in Europe. Education is more universal in Scotland than in any other part of the British dominions. Every parish has its school, in which knowledge can be obtained at a reasonable rate. Private schools are also numerous, and in all the principal towns there are academies and other high seminaries of learning. universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews and Aberdeen, are all celebrated,

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Learning, after its revival in modern times, was cultivated in Scotland with peculiar ardour; but it is more particularly since the middle of the last century that the Scottish writers have become celebrated. Many have distinguished themselves in various branches of literature, and some of them have been amongst the most illustrious philosophers, historians, and poets of Britain. Some of the most popular fictitious and periodical writers of the present age have been natives of Scotland.

The public libraries are not so voluminous as many on the continent. That belonging to the advocates or barristers of Edinburgh, contains upwards of 100,000 volumes, among which there are ample materials, both printed and in manuscript, for elucidating the national history. The university library is half as large; and those of Glasgow, King's College, Aberdeen, and St. Andrew's, are highly respectable. Each of these universities can claim a copy of every new work.

Scotland has a native music, simple and pathetic, expressive of rural feelings

and emotions to which she is fondly attached. The recreations of the higher ranks are nearly the same as in England. Dancing is practised with peculiar ardour, especially by the Highlanders, who have favourite national steps and

The Highlanders retain the remnants of a national costume peculiar to themselves; the tartan, a mixture of woollen and linen cloth, adorned with brilliant stripes variously crossing each other, and marking the distinctions of the clans; the kilt, or short petticost, worn by the men, the hose fastened below the knee, which is left bare; and the bonnet, which in another shape is also still worn by the shepherds of the border. The divisions are shires or counties, of which there are 33: of these, 17 are in the Lowlands, and the remaining 16 in the Highlands.

The islands appendent on Scotland, form one of its most conspicuous features. Though neither rich nor fertile in proportion to their extent, they exhibit a great variety of bold and striking scenery, and are peopled by a race whose habits of life and forms of society are peculiar to themselves. They may be divided into the islands at the mouth of the Clyde; the Hebrides, or Western Islands; and the Northern Islands, or those of Orkney and Shetland.

The islands of the Clyde are chiefly Bute and Arran, with the smaller ones of the Cumbrays and Ailsa,

The Hebrides or Western Islands lie on the western coast of Scotland. They are about 200 in number. The largest is Lewis, 87 miles long. The next in size are Skye, Mull, and Islay, Arran, South Uist, and Jura. Most of them are small. They are rocky and barren, with hardly a single tree, or even a bush upon them. The vegetation consists principally of heath and moss. But the most remarkable feature of these islands is the great number of lakes which they contain; these, however, rather impart gloom than beauty to the landscape; their sullen brown waters present the idea of unfathomable depth, and their borders exhibit no cheerful verdure to relieve the eye. The most westerly of the Hebrides is St. Kiida. It is small and rocky, yet inhabited. Its shores are composed of enormous precipices, worn by the sea into caverns, often with roofs more lofty than the ceiling of a gothic cathedral. These shores are the resort of vast varieties of seafowl, which the islanders pursue at immense hazards, by swinging with ropes from the perpendicular cliffs.

There are 87 of these islands inhabited, and several under good cultivation, producing tolerable crops of grain, pulse, and potatoes. The population, in 1841, was 108,355. Their only articles of trade are cattle, sheep, fish, and some kelp. One of the smallest of these islands, named Staffa, is remarkable for a singular basaltic cavern, called Fingal's Cave, 227 feet in length and 42 wide. The entrance cavern, called Fingal's Cave, 227 feet in length and 42 wide. The entrance resembles a gothic arch, and the floor of the cave is covered with water. The walls of the interior are formed of ranges of basaltic columns, irregularly grouped. This natural architecture is said to surpass, in grandeur and magnificence, the most splendid artificial temples and palaces in the world.

At the northern extremity of Scotland lie the Orkneys, or Orcades, about 70 in number, but less than half of them are inhabited. They are rocky, and have a melancholy appearance, with little vegetation besides juniper, wild myrtle, and heath. The soil is boggy or gravelly; some of the islands contain iron and lead. The sea in this neighbourhood is very tempestuous. In June and July, the twilight which continues throughout the night is sufficiently strong to enable the inhabitants to read at midnight. The population in 1841, 30,507. They have some manufactures of linen and woollen, and have a trade in cattle, fish, oil, and Vast numbers of sea-fowl frequent the rocky cliffs of these islands, and one of the chief employments of the inhabitants is bird-catching.

The Shetland Islands lie about 60 miles north-east of the Orkneys. They have a wild and desolate appearance; but 17 of them are inhabited. Their vegetation is more scanty than that of the Orkneys, and their soil, for the most part, is The shores are broken and precipitous, and excavated by the sea into natural arches and deep caverns. From October to April, perpetual rains fall,

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storms beat against the shores, and the inhabitants are cut off from all communication with the rest of the world; but the aurora berealis exhibits, at this season, a brightness equal to that of the full moon. The population in 1841, 30,558; the people live by fishing and the manufacture of coarse woollens.

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, stands upon the southern ahore of the Firth of Forth, a mile and a half from the sea. Its situation is remarkably picturesque. It occupies three high ridges of land, and is surrounded on all sides, except the north, by naked, craggy rocks. The middle ridge is the highest, and on either side is a deep ravine. The more ancient part of the city occupies the two southern ridges. High street runs along the middle eminence, in nearly a straight direction, for about a mile, and exhibits a very grand prospect. With the exception of the principal avenues, the other streets of what is called the Old Town are only narrow, dirty lanes, among houses some of them ten and eleven stories high. The New Town presents quite a different aspect. It is built on the northern ridge, and its streets and squares are not surpassed in regularity and elegance in any part of the world. It communicates with the old town by a bridge, and an immense mound of earth crossing the deep loch or ravine between them.

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The Castle of Edinburgh is an ancient fortress on a rugged rock, mounting abruptly to the height of 200 feet. It stands at the western extremity of High street, and the view from its summit always excites the admiration of a traveller. Holyrood House, for many centuries the residence of the kings of Scotland, is a quadrangular edifice in the eastern part of the city. In the centre of Edinburgh is a vast pile, comprising several edifices around Parliament Square, which contain a number of large libraries, one of which, called the Advocates' Library, has 100,000 volumes.

The University is celebrated both as an institution for teaching, and a nursery for eminent men; the number of students is upwards of 2000. Edinburgh has its Royal Society for physical and literary researches, its antiquarian and horticultural societies, an institution for the promotion of the fine arts, and an academy of painting. This city is chiefly supported by its courts of justice, whose jurisdiction extends over all Scotland. A great proportion of the inhabitants are lawyers, and the literary talent for which the city is renowned, has gained it the appellation of Modern Athens. Population, in 1841, 138,189.

Leith is the sea-port of Edinburgh. It is an irregularly built town, with narrow streets. The harbour has been much improved by art, but is not accessible to large ships, except at certain times. The commerce carried on here is considerable. Population, in 1841, 26,433.

Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland, and owes its prosperity chiefly to its manufactures. It stands upon the Clyde, and the greater part of the city occupies a plain on the southern bank of the river. It contains a large number of handsome buildings, mostly of modern construction. The streets are generally spacious and well paved. The cathedral stands upon a hill in the centre of the city; it is a massy building, and the most entire specimen of Gothic architecture which the furious zeal of the reformers left standing in Scotland. In Glasgow and the neighbourhood are 32,000 cotton looms, with numerous manufactories, founderies, &c. The town is rendered gloomy by the coal smoke which has blackened the buildings, and hangs in dingy clouds over the city. Population, 274,556.

Paisley, 7 miles from Glasgow, is the third town for size and commerce. It has extensive manufactures, and a population of 47,695. Greenock, at the mouth of the Clyde, is the out-port of Glasgow; its harbour is commodious, and its trade extends to every part of the world. Population, 36,936. Aberdeen is a handsome city on the eastern coast, with a university, and considerable commerce and manufactures. Population, 64,767. Dundee is noted for its linen and other manufactures of flax, which consumes 30,000 tons of raw meterial annually. Population, 62,794. Perth, on the Tay, is the most regularly built of all the cities of Scotland, and is surrounded with beautiful scenery. Population, 20,167. Inverness, the capital of the North Highlands, is well built, and enjoys nearly all the trade of the norther, part of the kingdom. Population, 14,581.

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IRELAND, a fine extensive island, is separated, on the east, from England, by St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea, and on the north-east, from Scotland, by the narrow strait of Port Patrick. It extends from 51 10' to 55° 20' N. lat., and from 5° 40' to 10° 50' W. lon. Its greatest length from north-east to south-west is about 300 miles, and its greatest breadth 160. There is not a spot upon it 50 miles from the sea. It contains about 30,000 square miles.

The surface of Ireland cannot on the whole be called mountainous; its central districts composing one vast plain, which crosses the kingdom from east to west. It is, however, diversified by ranges of mountains, superior in extent, and, with the exception of those of Wales, equal in elevation to any in England.

The Shannon is without a rival among rivers in the three kingdoms. It rises far in the north, from Lough Allen, in the province of Connaught, and has a course of 170 miles, throughout the whole of which it is more or less navigable, the only obstruction which existed having been removed. There are also the Barrow, Boyne, Foyle, Bann, Blackwater, &c. The other rivers are rather numerous than of long course; but they almost all terminate in wide estuaries and loughs, which diffuse through Ireland the means of water communication, and afford a multiplicity of spacious and secure harbours.

Lakes or loughs are a conspicuous feature in Ireland, where this last name, like the similar one used in Scotland, is in many instances applied to arms of the sea. Lough Neagh is the largest lake in the United Kingdom, covering nearly 100,000 acres. Lough Erne, Lough Corrib, &c., include a great variety of rich and ornamented scenery. Lough Foyle, Lough Swilly, and Belfast Lough, are properly bays. The Shannon forms several lakes, of which Lough Ree is the principal; and the whole of its course downwards from Limerick resembles more a lough or bay than a river. Connaught has several extensive lakes. That of Killarney, in the south, is famed, not for its extent, but for the singular grandeur and beauty of lits shores.

The surface of Ireland is almost entirely level. The general appearance of the country is varied and pleasant, although bare of trees. In some parts, are rich and fertile plains, and in others, gentle slopes and waving hills. Ireland was once covered with forests, which are now replaced by immense bogs. These form a remarkable feature, characteristic of the country. They afford abundant supplies of peat, used by the inhabitants for fuel. From their depths are also taken quantities of wood in complete preservation, which indicate that these bogs are the remains of the ancient forests. The skins of animals and men that have been swallowed up in them, have been found converted into a sort of leather by the tanning matter which the moisture contains. Coal is the most abundant mineral. It is found in Kilkenny, in the south. Marble and slate occur in the same quarter. Iron was formerly produced in many parts, but at present few or no mines are worked. Copper, silver, and gold, have also been found in small quantities.

Agriculture is very backward. The cultivators are generally tenants, and studiously avoid any permanent improvement of the land, lest the rent should be raised. Wheat, now cultivated to some extent, and barley, are common; but oats is the principal grain. The Irish staff of life, however, is potatoes. This root furnishes to the poor the greatest part of their sustenance. The dairy is, perhaps, the best managed part of Irish husbandry. Butter is largely exported.

The most important manufactures are those of linen. They have flourished in this country since the reign of Henry VIII. The raw material is almost wholly raised on the island. The export of linen from Ireland, in the year 1835, amounted to 70,209,572 yards, of the value of £3,725,654; and the export, in 1840, was estimated at £4,000,000. The chief part of the linen-yarn is now spun by machinery, and some of the cloth is woven in the power-loom, but the bulk of the linen still continues to be made by the cottiers. The cotton, woollen, and silk

manufactories employ about 15,000 individuals. The cotton manufacture is car ried on in Belfast, and its neighbourhood, and in the vicinity of Waterford. to

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Distillation has long been an important business in Ireland. In 1838 the duty was paid on 19,396,342 gallons of whiskey; the amount besides, illegally distilled, was very considerable. In 1839, owing to the exertions of Father Matthew, in the cause of temperance, there was a reduction of about 2,000,000 gallons in the quantity that paid duty; and since that time there has been, it is upderstood, a still further decrease.

The commerce of Ireland consists chiefly in the exports of her agricultural products to other parts of the British empire. To England alone, they amounted, in 1831, to the value of 10,000,000k, comprising grain of various kinds, cattle, beef, pork, butter, &c., besides linen. - In the same year, the imports from foreign parts were 1,552,292k; exports, 608,938k. In 1839, the vessels belonging to Ireland

amounted to 1889; tons, 169,389; navigated by 11,388 men and boys.

Ireland is still denominated a distinct kingdom, but it is governed by a viceroy appointed by the king, called the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. There is also an Irish chancellor, a secretary of state, commander of the forces, and attorney-general. The island was incorporated with the kingdom of Great Britain, in 1800. There is now no separate parliament, but Ireland is represented by 32 peers and 100 members of the House of Commons, in the parliament of Great Britain. The citizens of Ireland are entitled to the same privileges with those of England, in all matters of commerce and provisions under treaties.

In the eastern parts of the island, the people are chiefly of English, and in the north, of Scottish descent: in the west, the original Celtic race predominates. The common classes are strongly marked with national peculiarities of features, and by this they are readily recognized in other countries. In 1831, the population amounted to 7,767.401; and in 1841, to 8,175,273.

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The sway of the British government in Ireland has undoubtedly been of a kind to depress the spirit and debase the character of the people. Disabilities, political, civil, and ecclesiac ical, have been imposed upon them, and it is only of late that they have been in some degree emancipated. The country has been divided, and sometimes by the policy of the government, into internal parties, which have committed the most ferocious murders. These, however, have been the effects of oppression, acting upon a temperament naturally ardent, rather than the outbreak of a character in itself cruel and ferocious.

The Irish are ardent, brave, generous, and cheerful, and no people will on festivals so completely throw off all remembrance of care, to enjoy the passing hour. They are, however, easily offended, and prompt to resentment: duels are not rare among the gentry, or less dangerous appeals to force, unfrequent among the lower class. The condition of the Irish has been much improved, with regard to education, though there is much yet to be done before they will compare in that respect with the people of Scotland. Besides the numerous pay schools supported by the people, there were several societies, the Hibernian, the Kildare street, and others, that established and supported a number of schools, with some assistance from the government. In 1833, the money hitherto parcelled out among these associations was vested in the Lord-Lieutenant, to be expended in promoting the education of children of every denomination, under the superintendence of commissioners forming a Board of National Education. In the national schools, education is strictly confined to the common and most useful branches of secular knowledge, the religious instruction of the pupils being irrevery case left to the care of their parents and the elergy of the denominations to which they belong. In 1839, there were 1561 national schools, with 1700 teachers, and near 200,000 children. The Sunday School Society had, in 1838, about 3000 schools, with 20,000 teachers, and 220,000 children. Of the number of the common schools and their scholars nothing certain is known. There is but one university: this is at Dublin; it has about 400 students, and is an institution of very high character. There is also a Roman Catholic college at Maynooti, and the academical college at Belfast.

Ireland has contributed her full share to the literature and sciences of the United Kingdom, and there are no names more celebrated than Burke, Swift, Goldsmith, Sheridan, and Moore. The great national bent of genius seems to be

towards wit and eloquence, and this appears not only in the distinguished men, but in the mass of the people; for the very beggars pursue their vocation with a union of these two qualities that is often irresistible.

The general religion is the Catholic, though the established church is that of England. The Catholics of Ireland are therefore taxed for the support of two hierarchies. Four-fifths of the inhabitants are Catholics, and the other fifth is composed principally of Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists; or, to speak more precisely, out of every hundred souls, 81 are Roman Catholics, 11 of the establishment, and 8 protestant dissenters. The established church is divided into 4 archbishoprics and 29 bishoprics, but by new arrangements the archbishoprics are to be reduced to 2, and the bishoprics to 10; the alteration takes place on the demise of the existing tenures. There are 2450 parishes, and 1422 beneficed clergymen. The income of the Irish church is estimated at 704,3131. annually, but the amount is probably greater. There are 4 Catholic archbishops, and 23 bishops. In every parish there is a chapel. The established church is chiefly supported by the payment of a composition for tithes, and the Catholic church by contributions and fees for marriages, burials, masses, &c. The Catholic clergy are exceedingly zealous, and live on terms of familiarity with their flocks. They advise them on worldly affairs, and generally act as their lawyers. The churches have few pictures or images. All places of Catholic worship are built by subscription. There are numerous monasteries and convents.

The Catholics were for a long period a proscribed race in Ireland, but in 1829 they were fully emancipated from all civil disabilities on account of religion, and were placed, as respects their political rights and franchises, nearly on the same

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Ireland is divided into 4 provinces, Ulster, Leinster, Munster, and Connaught.

These are subdivided into 32 counties.

Dublin, the capital of Ireland, disputes with Edinburgh and Bath the reputation of being the most beautiful city in the empire. If the brick of which the houses are built impair the effect of the general range of its streets and squares, its public buildings, composed of stone, surpass in grandeur and taste those of any of its rivals. Dublin is delightfully situated at the bottom of a bay on the eastern coast, about a mile from the shore. It is divided by the little river Liffey into two equal parts. The city is nearly square, being about 21 miles in extent. The houses are generally of brick, and the streets irregular; but those that run parallel with the river are for the most part uniform and spacious. In the more modern part, they are from 60 to 90 feet wide. There are several fine squares, one of which, called Stephen's Green, occupies 27 acres, and has a magnificent appearance. Sackville street is one of the finest in Europe. No city, in proportion to its size, has a greater number of elegant buildings. An atmospheric rail-way, 7 miles in length, extends from Dublin to Kingston, at the mouth of the harbour: it is the most remarkable work of the kind completed in the world, and is in successful operation. The construction of similar roads, from Dublin to other points, is contemplated. Dublin has a considerable trade by sea, and also by the canals which extend from this point to different parts of the island. The banks of the river are lined with elegant quays, and shipping of 200 tons may come up to the lower part of the city. Here are large manufactures of linen, cotton, woollen, and silk. Population, in 1831, 240,300.

Cork, the great southern emporium of Ireland, has a population of 107,000, being, in point of wealth and magnitude, the second city in the island. It is situated about 14 miles from the sea. It has a good harbour, and a flourishing trade in the export of salt provisions. The greater part of the city is built upon an island. The public buildings are simple in their architecture, but large and convenient. Limerick, upon the Shannon, has some manufactures, and a large export trade. Population, 6" 775. Londonderry, on the north-west coast, is an ancient place, with a fine gothic cathedral. It carries on some commerce with America and the West Indies. Population, 14,030. Belfast is the grand emporium of the north of freland, and commerce is the main source of its wealth. The linen fabric of the north, together with oats, oatmeal, and provisions, are the principal exports. Po-

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France is a great and powerful kingdom, placed, as it were, in the centre of the civilized world, and for several centuries distinguished by the conspicuous part which it has acted on the theatre of Europe. Its population, military power, central situation, vast resources, and active industry, render it peculiarly deserving of an attentive survey.

France is bounded north by the English Channel and the Netherlands; east by Germany, Switzerland, and Italy; south by the Mediterranean and Spain; and west by the Atlantic, or rather an open gulf called the Bay of Biscay. From Switzerland, Italy, and Spain, it is separated by mountains. It extends from 42° 30' to 51° 2' north latitude; and from 70° 40' east, to 5° 4' west longitude. Its greatest length from north to south is 590 miles, and its breadth is about the same. It contains 205,000 square miles.

The surface of this very extensive territory is in general level, although it borders and is encroached upon by the greatest mountain ranges of Europe. The Alps cover the full half of its eastern frontier. The Pyrenees, which rank second among the chains of the continent, range along the southern border. On the east, where France reaches to the Rhine, are the Vosges, and other chains of moderate height, parallel to that river. The only range exclusively French is that of Auvergne, in the centre of the kingdom, which rises to the height of 5000 or 6000 feet, but stretches oy a winding line along the left bank of the Allier, parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean, where it is called the Cevennes. But by far the greater part of France, including the whole north and the whole east, is one widely extended plain, which yields in very high perfection all the fruits and products of the temperate zone.

The rivers of France, though not of the first magnitude, are noble and commo-Traversing almost every part of the kingdom, they afford ample means of internal navigation; and the broad plains which border on them yield the most luxuriant harvests. The Loire is the principal. The other great rivers are the Rhone, Garonne, Seine, and the Rhine; those of secondary rank are the Somme,

Adour, Var, Moselle, Isere, Marne, Meuse, &c.

France yields in abundance the most useful of all metals, iron. number of forges in the kingdom, producing 350,000 tons annually. Coal is abundant, and is worked to the amount of 21 million tons a year. There were formerly many copper-mines, but they are now chiefly abandoned. There is a gold-mine, unwrought, in the eastern part of the kingdom. Lead and manganese abound in quantities. Silver, cobalt, nickel, cinnabar, and arsenic, are sometimes found.

France, with regard to internal economy, is one of the richest and most flourish-

ing countries in the world. In point of industry she ranks third after Britain and the Netherlands; while she possesses a greater extent and more natural advan-

tages than either of those regions.

Agriculture is the most flourishing branch, and has of late years been much improved. It has gained greatly by the French revolution, in consequence of the abolition of feudal rights, corvées, and tithes. The vine occupies the chief attention of the French husbandman. The vineyards of France yield 250 different sorts of wine; they occupy 4,250,000 acres, and their average produce is estimated at 830 million gallons. In the cultivation of corn, the English writers inform us 830 million gallons. In the cultivation of corn, the English writers inform us that the agriculture of the French is less skilful and thrifty than their own. Olives are cultivated in the south. Indian corn and tobacco are raised in many parts. Beets are cultivated for making sugar, and there are above 580 manufactories of this article, producing 22 million of pounds annually. The rent of land is very low in France, and the farms are generally small. A large proportion of the French people are proprietors of the soil.

The official statements of the commerce of France are arranged under the heads of special and general commerce; the last, as applied to imports, means all articles imported by sea or land, whether for consumption, re-exportation, or warehousing. Special commerce, as applied to imports, mesns such articles as have been entered

for consumption on payment of the customs duties. In the case of exports, general commerce includes all exported articles, without regard to their origin; while special commerce includes those articles only that are the produce of the soil or manufactures of France. In 1836, the special imports amounted to \$107,234,395; general imports \$172,058,518. In the same year, the special exports were to the value of \$110,771,921; the general exports, \$189,644,094.

The interior commerce must be very extensive, though it is difficult to estimate its amount, as, notwithstanding considerable advantages for navigation, the bulk of it is carried on by land. The old medium of fairs has been not only preserved, but greatly extended. It is calculated that there are 26,314 fairs in France. Some of these are held on the frontier of a province or kingdom, others round a great cathedral or noted place of pilgrimage; some at the foot of high mountains on the melting of the snows, which have kept the inhabitants imprisoned for several months. Sometimes they open with burlesque representations, as processions of giants, of flying dragons, or monstrous fishes. The fair of Lopgchamps, held in spring at Paris, those of Beaucaire in Languedoc, and of Guibray in Normandy, are the most extensive.

Next to England, France is the greatest manufacturing country in Europe. Of the numerous fabrics we can mention only a few of the principal, as those of silk at Lyons; of lace at Alençon, Valenciennes, and other places; of vertien at Rheims, Paris, Autrecourt, Louviens, Orleans, and Sedan; of cotton cloths, calicoes, muslins, &c., at Rouen, Lille, Roubaix, Gisors, Tarare, St. Quentir &c.; of watches and all kinds of elegant trinkets, jewelry, and musical instruments, at Paris; of paper at Annonay, Sorel, Saussaye, Vienne, Montauban, Nismes, &c.; of superb tapestry at the Gobelins in Paris; of hats at Lyons, Marseilles, and Paris; of cider and beer in the north, and of brandy at Cognac and Montpelier. The annual value of the manufactures and the produce of the mines of France is estimated at about 2400 million francs.

The government is a constitutional monarchy, and the succession of the crown is limited to the male line. The king commands the forces by sea and land, declares war, makes treaties, and appoints to all offices under the responsible advice of his ministers. There is no monarchy in Europe so limited as the French. The legislative power resides in the king, the house of peers, and the house of deputies of the departments; each branch may propose a law. The number of peers is unlimited, and the nomination of them belongs to the king. By a late law the peerage is no longer hereditary. The chamber of deputies is chosen by the electral colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of deputies is chosen by the electral colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of deputies in schosen by the electral colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of deputies in schosen by the electral colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of deputies in schosen by the electral colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of deputies in schosen by the electronal colleges. A citizen, to be chamber of the must pay 1000 france direct tax, yearly, either in his own person or by delegation for his mother, grand-mother, or mother-in-law; and if there are not 50 of this description in a department, the right devolves upon the 50 who pay the highest taxes. There are but 80,000 of these electors in France.

The army of France is no longer that immense mass, which for so many years held the whole of continental Europe in thrall. The events of 1815 having proved too clearly the attachment of trold troops to their former master, they were nearly all disbanded, and their place supplied by fresh conscriptions. The government has the power of levying 80,000 men in the year. By a regulation, breathing still the republican spirit, one-third of the officers must be raised from the ranks. The appropriations for the expenses of the government of France in 1845 amounted to \$116,755,000; of which \$63,500,000 were for the support of the army; \$21,090,000 for the navy; and \$13,300,000 were devoted to rail-roads. The army, in 1845, consisted of 344,000 n. and 83,416 horses; of these there were in France, 284,00 men, with 69,500 norses, and in Algiers 60,000 men, with 13,896 horses.

The French navy, which, in 1791, amounted to seventy-four sail of the line and sixty-two frigates, lost half during the war; and those which remained, having never ventured for many years to stir out of port, lost all their experience and efficiency. At present, it consists of 40 ships of the line, 50 frigates, 180 other vessels rigged with sail, and 39 steamers.

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rticles using. ntered Until the revolution of 1830, the Roman Catholic was the established religion, the one sect has now any advantage over another, and the ministers of all creeds are supported by the government. The Catholic church comprises 14 archbishops, who receive (except the archbishop of Paris, whose salary is 100,000 francs), 25,000 francs a year; and also 66 bishops, with salaries of 15,000 francs each; beside a vast number of ecclesiastics of various grades, amounting in number to near 40,000. The Catholic church costs the government annually 34,000,000 francs; and the Protestant, 676,000 francs. The Protestants in France amount to 2,000,000, and in Paris to 30,000. They have 96 consistories, 438 churches, and 305 pastors. The Jaws are estimated at 60,000, and have 665 synagogues.

Before the revolution there were 23 universities in France; in that grand convulsion education was suspended, but its establishments have since been reinstated in a different form. The lycées, now called royal colleges, are 36 in number. The name of university is now confined to Paris; but the provincial establishments, bearing the name of academies, are constituted like the universities of other countries. The Protestants have two seminaries for studying divinity at Strasburg and Montauban. In 1837, the number of schools of different kinds amounted to 53,920, attended by 2,650,000 pupils, besides 1833 infant schools for the children of the poor, and 1856 adult schools which were attended in 1837 by 39,000 workingmen; and there are normal schools for the instruction of primary teachers. All these establishments are under the patronage and control of government.

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The French excel in chemistry, mathematics, astronomy, and belies lettres. Literary associations are very numerous, at the head of which stands the Institute in Paris, the most celebrated scientific body in the world. Every provincial town of consequence has its public library, a museum, and in general a society for promoting literature and the arts. There are 273 such libraries in France; of which 198 contain 3,345,287 volumes; of these, 1,125,347 are in Paris.

The French language is derived from the Latin. It is esteemed of all languages the most polished, the best adapted to conversation, and the most generally diffused mong the nations of Europe. The people of France are active, brave, and ingenious; they are polished and gay in their deportment and manners; and politeness and urbanity may be traced through all classes of society, from the highest to the lowest; those in the upper ranks are very attentive to the graceful accomplishments, and excel in dancing, fencing, &c., and their example is followed as much as possible by their inferiors. The women take an active part in all the concerns and business of life: at court they are politicians; in the city they are merchants, accountants, and shopkeepers; and in the country they labour on the farms with the men. The local divisions of France, prior to the revolution, were provinces, 32 in number, most of which had formed independent States, and even little kingdoms, when they merged into the mass of the French monarchy. The National Assembly, however, superseded this division by one into departments, much more minute, the number of which, including Corsica, is 86. This arrangement has been retained by the Bourbons, and is the basis of all administrative operations. The population of France, in 1780, was estimated at 24,800,000; in 1817, 29,000,000; and at the present time about 33,540,000.

The colonies of France are, in North America, the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon; in the West Indies, Guadaloupe, Martinico, Marie Galante, Les Saints, La Desirade, and St. Martins; in South America, Cayenne; in Africa, Algeria, Senegal, Goree, Albreds, and the Isle of Bourbon; in Asia, Pondicherry and Karikal on the Coromandel coast; Chandernagore, in Bengal; and Mahe, on the Malabar coast. The population of the colonies is estimated at 2,385,000, which, added to the population of France, makes a total for the subjects of the French monarchy of 35,925,000.

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Cornica is an island in the Mediterranean Sea, situated between the coast of Italy and the Island of Sardinia, about 100 miles from the coast of France, and forms a part of that kingdom; it is 110 miles in length, and of an unequal breadth; area, 3880 square miles. Population, in 1836, 207,889. This island is covered with mountains, the principal chain dividing it into two unequal parts; the highest summit is Monte Rotonda, 9900 feet, and is covered with snow the greater-part of the year. The soil, though stony and but little cultivated, is productive in corn, wine, oranges, lemons, figs, &c.; but the chief wealth consists in oil, chest-nuts, and timber. The fisheries are valuable. Bastia, the largest town, has a population of 12,864.

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ern part. Paris, the capital of 1 e second city in Europe for population, and may be considered the capita world for the sciences, arts, and politeness It is inclosed by a wall 17 miles an execuit, and is more closely built and inhabited than London. Surveyed from a central point it presents a form nearly circular, with the River Seine flowing through it. The eastern part is the most ancient, and most irregularly built; here the streets are narrow and crooked. The western part is modern and well built. The Boulevards constitute a wide mall with four rows of trees passing in an irregular course around the central part of the city; they occupy the site of the ancient walls of Paris, rendered useless by the growing up of the city around them, and are two miles in extent. There is nothing in Paris more striking than the Boulevards. The exterior Boulevard is a broad streak on the outer side of the wall which encircles the city. But a small portion of this is built upon. The Boulevard most frequently mentioned, is in the midst of the city. Different parts of this are called by different names, as the Boulevard des Italiens, from its vicinity to the Italian opera, Boulevard du Tem-

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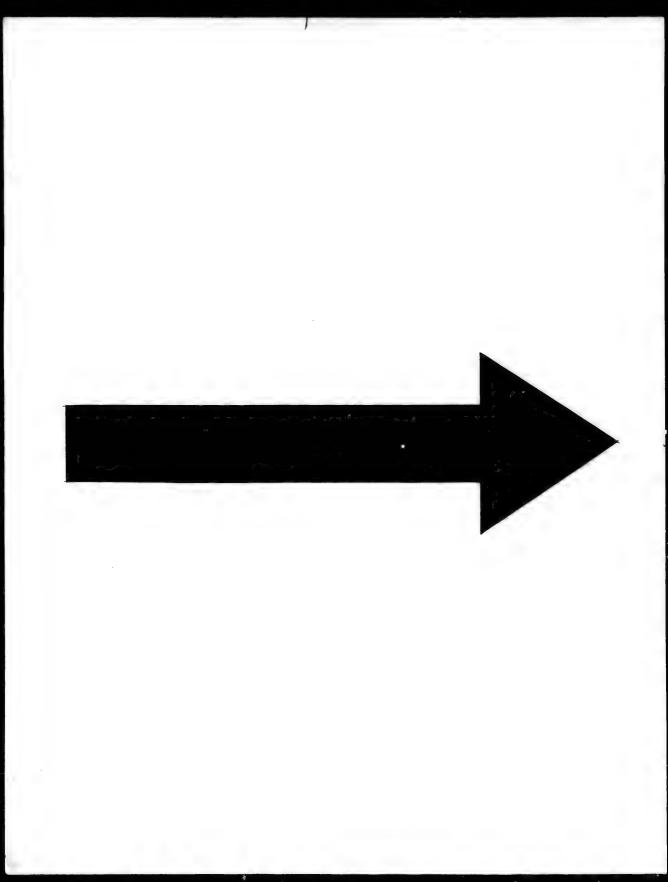
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The Champ de Mars is an oblong park bordered by rows of trees, and extending. from the Military School to the river; it is the spot commonly appropriated to the reviews of troops and great public festivities. The gardens of the Tuileries to the west of the palace are elegantly laid out with gravelled walks, terraces, plots of flowers, shrubs, groves of trees and basins of water, interspersed with beautiful statues in bronze and marble. These are the favourite walks of the Parisians, and on Sundays they resort hither in crowds. The Luxembourg gardens in the

southerly part of the city also afford beautiful walks.

The Champs Elysees form a spacious common in the western part, and the entrance to the city in this quarter is one of the finest avenues in the world. Another fine square in Paris is the Place Vendome, in the centre of which stands a column erected by Napoleon in commemoration of the Austerlitz campaign; it is covered with bas-reliefs in bronze, made from the cannon taken in the campaign. The banks of the Seine are beautified by noble quays, and the stream is crossed by 16 bridges, 12 of which are of stone, and 2 of iron. On the Pont Neuf stands of the status of Henry IV. in bronze, one of the finest ornaments of the city. A similar one of Louis XIV. occupies a small area called the Place des Victoires. A great number of elegant fountains adorn and purify the streets and markets. An immense fountain in the shape of an elephant, in bronze, was begun by Napoleon on the spot occupied by the Bastile, but still remains unfin-

The church of Notre Dame is a noble gothic edifice, 390 feet in length, with towers 204 feet high. It was 200 years in building, and was finished about the year 1200. It stands in the most ancient part of Paris, on the island in the Seine called la cité. The church of St. Genevieve is now called the Pantheon, and is designed as a mausoleum for the ashes of celebrated men; it is a magnificent edifice in the modern style. The Hospital of Invalids is an immense building, designed for the residence of disabled soldiers. It is surmounted by a splendid



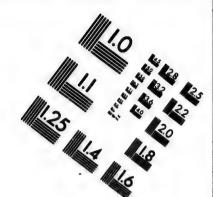
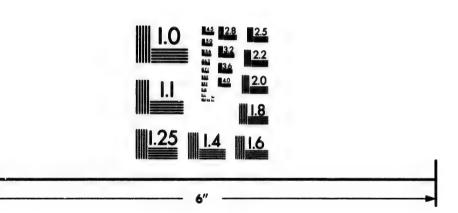


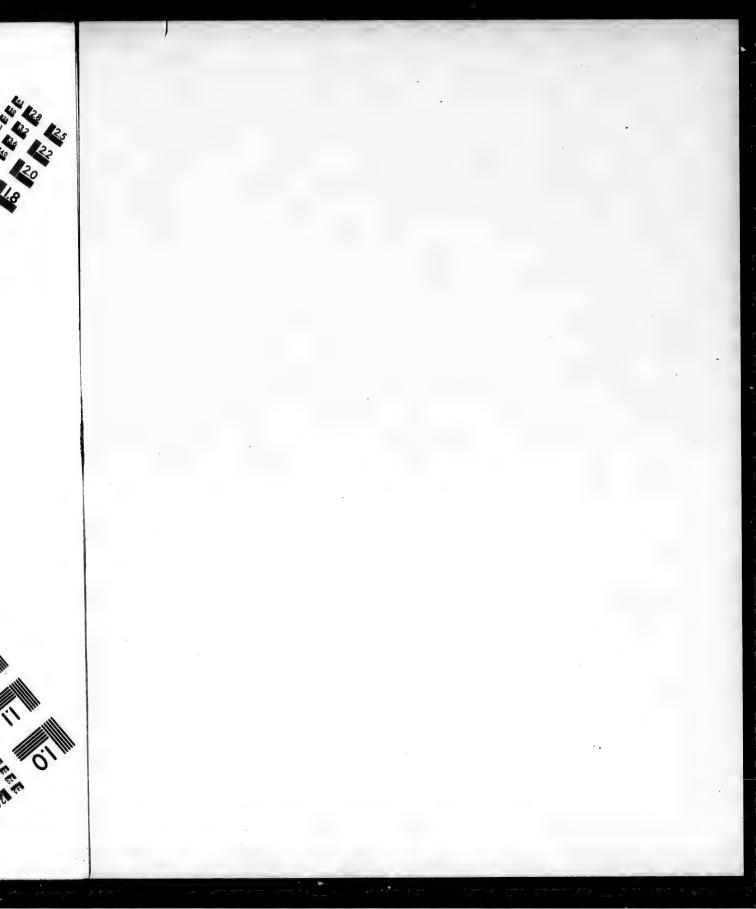
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The Jardin des Plantes is the noblest collection of interesting objects in Natural History that has ever been formed. The public buildings in Paris which deserve notice for their size and magnificence are too numerous even to be mentioned here. In this respect Paris is far above London. The Tuileries form an extensive and somewhat irregular pile nearly one-fifth of a mile in front, which has a noble effect. The Louvre is a model of symmetry, and is thought to make the nearest approach to perfection of any modern building. It contains 1000 paintings, 1500 statues, and 20,000 drawings.

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There are about 30 theatres, large and small, in Paris. All the theatres in France pay a tenth part of their receipts to the poor. The houses in the older parts of Paris are very high. The streets are generally without sidewalks, and some are paved with flat stones. All those parts without the Boulevards are called fauxbourgs. The gates of the city are denominated barriers, and here passengers must exhibit their passports, and merchandise pay a duty on entering the city. Population, in 1836, 909,126; now estimated at 1,000,000.

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The neighbourhood of Paris is highly cultivated, and there are many sites at once beautiful and romantic. The celebrated St. Cloud, with its superb palace, its park, gardens, cascade, fine view and political associations, is within 5 miles; and Versailles, with its magnificent but melancholy grandeur, is within 12 miles of the capital.

Lyons is generally considered as the second city in France, and as foremost in regard to commerce and industry. It is on the whole a noble city. The quays along the Rhone are superb. The cathedral is highly ornamented in the florid gothic style; and the squares, especially the Place de Belleceus, with its fountains and statues, are nowhere surpassed. On the other hand, the old streets are narrow, bordered by lofty and gloony walls, and divided by a muddy stream. To turn into them from the quays has been compared to entering subterraneous passes, watered by the sluices of Cocytus. Lyons is the first silk manufacturing city in Europe. The districts of France which produce the largest quantities of silks, are immediately adjacent: and the manufacture has here had, for centuries, its principal seat. The silks of Lyona are distinguished for their excellency, and are exported to all parts of the civilized world. In 1836, the value of the silks made in this city, was estimated at 135 million france. Three years previous, there were 8000 master-weavers, and 30,000 journeymen; while all those concerned in the manufacture, in Lyons, amounted to 80,000. There are also numerous dyeing establishments, printing-offices, and manufactories of jewellery, liqueurs, &c. Population, in 1836, including the suburbs, 200,000.

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Marseilles, on the Mediterranean, is the chief commercial city of France. It is completely inclosed except towards the sea by a succession of rocky hills, extending in the form of a crescent, with each horn touching the sea. The old town rises to the north like an amphitheatre, and is composed of narrow streets and ill-built houses. The new town is equal in beauty to any city in France; the streets are broad and straight; the squares large and handsome, and the buildings remarkable for their elegance. The quays are crowded with an immense multitude of persons speaking different languages and wearing the costume of various countries. The environs are well cultivated. Population, 170,000.

Bordeaux, near the mouth of the Garonne, is one of the grandest emporia in France, and, indeed, in Europe. Situated at the mouth of the Garonne, which here allows the largest vessels to ascend to its port, it exports all the valuable produce of this great southern plain, of which the wines are said to amount to 100,000, and brandy to 20,000 pipes annually. It is engaged also in colonial

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trade, and in the cod and whale fisheries. Recent travellers remark a greater display of wealth and prosperity in this than in any other of the French commercial cities. Every thing is on a grand scale, and buildings are in progress, which when finished, will leave it without a rival in France. The theatre, designed after that of Milan, is considered a model of architectural beauty. Many of the ecclesiastical structures were founded by the English. A very republican spirit is said to prevail at Bordeaux. Population, 95,114. Rosen, on the Seine, below Paris, is the Manchester of France; half the population are employed in the cotion manufacture; woollens and linens are also made to a considerable extent. The Cathedral of Rouen is justly celebrated; it is one of the most noble religious structures in Europe. Population of the city and suburbs, 100,000. Nanter, on the Loire, near its mouth, is a considerable commercial place, and a part of it is very elegantly built. Population, 75,150. Lille, 140 miles north-east of Paris, is a frontier town, and well fortified; it is surrounded by walls, and was fortified by Vauban; the citadel is considered one of the strongest in Europe. Population, 72,000. Toulouse, on the canal of Languedoc, is next in antiquity to Paris. It is surrounded by walls, and has a town-house and church of great magnificence. Population, 65,015. Strasburg, on the borders of Germany, is one of the best fortified cities in Europe. The steeple of its cathedral is 4653 feet high. and is the loftiest point of any building in Europe. Population, 50,239. Orleans, on the Loire, has a noble cathedral and bridge. Population, 40,340. Avignon, on the Rhone, was once the residence of the popes. Population, 27,753. Nismes, in the same neighbourhood, possesses the remains of a large Roman amplitheatre. Population, 41,194. Toulon, a little to the east of Marseilles, is an import ant seaport and has an arsenal and magazine, containing an immense quantity of naval stores. Population, 45,000. Brest, at the entrance of the British Channel, is the chief naval station of France. Its quay is a mile long. Population, 29,773.

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Spain forms the principal part of a very extensive peninsula, the most southern, and also the most western, portion of Europe; and is only connected by an isthmus about a hundred miles broad, traversed by the Pyrenees, a chain holding the second rank among the mountains of Europe. It is thus almost insulated from the rest of the continent.

Spain is bounded north by the Bay of Biscay and France, east and south by the Mediterranean and the Straits of Gibraltar, and west by Portugal and the Atlan-tic. It extends from 35° 57' to 43° 44' north latitude, and from 3° 8' east to 9° 18' west longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is 640 miles, breadth 530, area 183,000 square miles. Spain is a mountainous country, and a large tortion of it has an elevated surface. The Pyrenees form its north-eastern barrier, and are connected with the Cantabrian chain, which extends throughout the north of Spain, parallel with the Bay of Biscay. About the middle of this range a second-ary chain separates from it, extending to the south, and branching into four chains, extending to the east and west. The mountain of Montserrat is a detached eminence of the eastern Pyrenees, about 30 miles north-west of Barcelons. It consists of a cluster of sharp peaks, rising to the height of 8300 feet, and always capped with clouds. The whole mountain is 24 miles in circumference. are fourteen hermitages upon different parts of these heights, and about half-way up is a magnificent convent of Benedictines. The scenery in every part of this remarkable eminence is strikingly bold and romantic.

The rivers of Spain form an important feature in its geography. None of them, however, are of much importance as mediums of communication : they have mostly shallow and rocky beds, and dry up in summer to such a degree as to be nearly useless for navigation. The principal are, the Tagus, Ebro, Gusdans, Gusdal quivir, Duero, Guadalavia, Xucar, &c.

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never excessive even in the northern parts. In the south, the heats of midsummer would be intolerable, but for the sea-breeze, which begins at nine in the morning and continues till five in the evening. The interior is so elevated, as to be much cooler than might be expected from the latitude. The two Castiles form a raised plain nearly 3000 feet in height. The provinces along the Mediterranean are the paradise of this kingdom. An everlasting spring seems to reign in this delightful country. The sky of Andalusia is pure azure and gold; the inhabitants of Seville affirm, that a day was never known when the sun did not shine upon their city.

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The greater part of the land in Spain belongs to the ability, and towns, or corporate bodies. One-fourth of the landed property belonged to the church; but it has been confiscated to the use of the nation. The state of agriculture is wretched in the extreme, and the implements or husbandry are very rude. Wheat, rys, barley, hemp, and Indian corn, are cultivated in almost all the provinces. Olives are cultivated in the southern parts; and in this quarter may be seen large fields of saffron, and rice, and cotton plantations. Every part of the country produces wine.

Spain has naturally great commercial advantages, yet the mercantile trade of the kingdom bears no proportion to its capabilities for commerce. The means of transportation internally are very defective. The arriers or carriers are the travelling merchants of the country. They have long been accustomed to trade only on certain roads, and hardly anything will tempt them out of their old track. Wine, fruit, and manufactured goods are the chief exports. The value of the imports are estimated at about £4,000,000; and the exports are nearly the same.

Smuggling, owing to the impolitic measures of government, has been long carried on to a greater extent, in Spain, than in any other country in Europe; and one-half the trade of the kingdom is supposed to be carried on by the smugglers or contrabandistas.

The chief manufactures are those of silk, at Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, and Madrid; they employ 18,000 looms. Spain has the finest wool in Europe, but the woollen fabrics are small. Tobacco is manufactured only at Seville. Leather, paper, hate, and soap, are made in different parts. There is a royal manufactory of mirrors at St. Ildefonso. Earthenware is made in considerable quantities. The distillation of brandy is very extensive.

The rivers, as well as the coasts of Spain, abound in fish, particularly anchovies and tunnies, large quantities of which are taken and exported. The cries constitute the chief occupation of the inhabitants in the province of G

The rearing of sheep is an important branch of industry. The fineness of the merino wool is well known. There are 14,000,000 of sheep in Spain. Two shepherds will drive a flock of 1000 or 1900. They leave the mountains of Old Castile in October, and feed their flocks in the plains of Estremadura and Andslusia, till May, when they return, and the shearing commences; a season no less toyous in this country than the vintage.

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The regular army amounts to 60,000 men, and there is besides a large militia force. The army of Spain, which under Charles V. and Philip was the bravest are for most formidable in Europe, has for a century and a half ranked very low among military nations; the troops are for the most part badly officered, badly disciplined, and badly appointed.

The navy, at the commencement of the late war, was at least respectable, and a formidable auxiliary to France. The fatal days of St. Vincent and Trafalgar, and the fruitless expeditions to South America, reduced it to a feeble state. In 1896 it consisted of ten ships of the line, sixteen frigates, and thirty smaller vessels; but it is now in a state of almost total decay.

Spain was long an absolute monarchy, in which the power of the king had no limits but the slender barrier that public opinion can, in a country without education or a press, interpose.

The evils of this kind of government have in Spain been peculiarly aggravated, by the individual character of the monarchs. The title of Catholic Majesty, which was granted by the pope to Ferdinand in 1496, has been continued to the succeeding sovereigns. In the king's titles are enumerated all territories which he

holds, or at any time has held. The heir apparent is called Prince of Asturia. Infanta is the title of all the other royal children.

In 1337 the Spanish government was changed to a limited monarchy. The constitution is similar, in many respects, to that of France, and guarantees the liberty of the press, and other fundamental principles of freedom. The power of enacting laws resides with the Cortes, in conjunction with the sovereign. The Cortes are composed of two legislative bodies, of equal powers, the Senate and

Congress of Deputies.

Notwithstanding, however, the change of government, the administration of the laws is still very defective; for neither life nor property is universally safe. Justice in Spain carries with it more terror than mercy; and is avoided as a pestilence. It is now, as in the time of Gil Blas, perilous alike for the guilty and the innocent to enter its courts. When a murder is committed, all run from the dying victim.

as they would from the murderer.

The religion is strictly Roman Catholic. The number of archbishoprics is 8, and there are 51 bishoprics. The wealth of the clergy and monastic ordera was immense; in 1812 one-fourth of the landed property in Spain belonged to the church, exclusive of titles and other casual sources of income, producing, in all, a gross revenue of more than eleven millions sterling a year. The income of some of the higher ecclesiastics was very great; the archbishop of Toledo is said to have had £80,000 a year. In 1933 the ecclesiastics in Spain amounted to 175,574 individuals, including 61,727 monks, and 24,007 nuns. In 1836 the government suppressed all conventual establishments and religio-military orders. The monks were to receive small stipends; and it is be regretted that, owing to the difficulties in which the country has been since involved, these stipends have been very irregularly paid. The whole of the vast property belonging to the church has been enfracted for the use of the State: and a considerable portion of it has been already sold. According to the constitution, the nation undertakes to support the public worship and clergy of the established church; but owing to the intestine commotions that have prevailed in the country, and its financial difficulties, this condition has not been effectively carried out; and not a few of the clergy are at present but little removed from a state of indigence. The influence of the clergy has greatly diminished in Susin even mong the lower cleases.

of the clergy has greatly diminished in Spain, even among the lower classes; the higher, though making an outward show of religion, are mostly skeptics.

There are eleven universities in Spain; but their plans of instruction are antiquated, and seem to be so directed as to spread error and encourage ignorance, rather than knowledge. The few elementary schools are in no better condition. The lower classes seldem learn to read and write; and those above them are but imperfectly instructed; there being but little encouragement for education.

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The revenue of Spain was once the largest in Europe, but is now greatly reduced. In 1841 it was estimated at £25,400,000. The debt in the same year was £157,344,080: it is rapidly accumulating. Most of this debt is due to the English, and no interest has been paid on it for a lengthened period. The system of taxation is very defective, and varies according to the exigencies of the government.

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Spain is divided into 14 provinces, some of which have the title of kingdoms; each of these has its separate administration, and most of them are subdivided into several smaller provinces. Of all the immense territories in America which formerly belonged to Spain, none remain under her dominion but the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico. In Africa, she possesses Ceuta, Melilla, Pennon and Albucenas on the Barbary Coast, and the Canary Islands in the Atlantic. It Asia, are the Philippines. Caroline and Las rone Islands.

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The number of inhabitants in Spain was estimated, in 1896, at 19,168,774. Of these, 137,345 belonged to the clergy; 100,732 were soldiers, and 14,064 sailors. The population of the colonies is estimated at 4,088,000; making a total of 1,830 179 for the Spanish monarchy.

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There are only two navigable canals of any importance. The Imperial Canal was begun by the emperor Charles V., with the intention of uniting Navarre with the Mediterranean. It was interrupted for 200 years. It begins at Navarre, and is finished as far as Saragossa. It is 74 feet wide and 101 feet deep, being navigable for vessels of 100 tons. The Canal of Castile is parily executed, and is de-

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The Balearic Islands are a group in the Mediterranean, consisting of Majorca, Minorca, Ivica, and Fromenters, with some smaller ones. Majorca, the largest, is about 100 miles from the coast. It is 40 miles in extent each way, and is mountainous. Minorca possesses the valuable harbour of Port Mahon. These islands have generally a good soil, and produce oranges, olives, wine, &c., and they have 229,187 inhabitants.

Madrid, the capital of Castile, and of "all the Spains," stands on several low hills on the immense Castilian plain, which on the north appears bounded by the high distant range of the Guadarrama, but on every other side has no visible termination. A small rivulet, the Manzanares, flows past the city, and falls into the Tagus. Madrid is a superb but somewhat gloomy capital; the houses are high, well built of good stone, not defaced by smoke; the streets are well paved, and have broad footpaths. The main street of Alcala, long, spacious, and bordered on each side by a row of princely houses, attracts particular admiration. The Prado, a wide public walk, bordered by trees, and connected with gardens all open to the public, is equally conducive to ornament and pleasure. There are many public fountains, supplied with pure, light, and salubrious water, filtered through beds of gravel and sand, from a distance of seven or eight leagues. The gates built by Charles III. are uncommonly beautiful, particularly that of Alcala; but in a miserable wall which might be battered down by a three-pounder in half an hour. The royal palace, built by Philip V., is a spacious and magnificent structure, though the taste displayed in it is a subject of controversy. It contains numerous fine paintings, which do not equal, however, those of the Escurial. The Retiro, with its fine gardens, was defaced by the French, who made it a military post; an extensive and costly menagerie is now forming within its precincts. The museum of statuary and painting, a new and elegant building, has recently been enriched with some of the finest pictures from the royal palaces. The cabinet of natural history, supported by the government, is also a bandsome structure, and its contents valuable. The environs of Madrid are not remarkable for beauty; they are much broken into hills and hollows; so that, of the 200 villages situated in them, only three or four can be seen at once. Population, 224,000.

Barcelona is, after the capital, the largest city, and at the same time the most industrious and flourishing, of all Spain, containing 180,000 inhabitants. The port is artificial, formed by solid and convenient moles, but has a bar at its entrance, which excludes vessels drawing more than twelve feet of water. It carried on a great and various traffic; had wooller, silk, and cotton manufactories, all on a considerable scale; about a thousand vessels annually entered its port; but since the emancipation of Spanish America, it has greatly declined; from 120 to 150 ships only now frequent the harbour. The ecclesiastical edifices of Barcelona are handsome, particularly the cathedral, though not of so grand a character as those in some other parts of Spain. It is built in the later Gothic style, with finely painted windows, and a choir of good workmanship and singular delicacy. With the exception of that of the Dominicans, the convents are destitute of any attractions, and the records and pictures of the heretics who had suffered in the city from 1489 to 1726, described by writers, some time since, as existing in the latter, are no longer to be met with. The walls of Barcelona are strong, but its chief dependence is upon the citadel, built by Vauban, and the fortress of Montjuich, which commands it, and, is considered almost impregnable. The former has accommodations for a garrison of 7000 men.

Seville, the capital of Andalusia, was founded by the Phoenicians, and is beautifully situated on the Guadalquivir. It rises in the midst of a plain, covered with clive plantations, hamlets, villages, and convents. It was formerly very rich and populous, being the chief mart for the American and India trade. The public unidings are very elegant. The general appearance of the city indicates the Moorish character of its former possessors. The streets are narrow, but clean: the houses are whitewashed, and furnished with balconies; every third or fourth house has a garden and orangery. The cathedral is one of the largest in Spain,

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and contains the tomb of Columbus. The emperors Trajan and Hadrian were born here. The inhabitants manufacture silk, tobacco, snuff and cigars. Population, 113,000.

Casis, on the Atlantic coast, by means of its excellent harbour, long engrossed the trade once enjoyed by Seville. This city stands upon the isle of Leon, which is connected with the continent by a bridge. Nothing can surpass the beauty of the town when viewed from the harbour, and when the eye takes in the numerous country-seats in the neighbourhood. The streets are clean, well paved and lighted. The houses are somewhat in the Moorish style, with flat roofs, covered with a hard plaster, and the greater part of them crowned with tarrets. From the height of the houses, the narrowness of the streets, and the smallness of the windows, many parts of the city have a gloomy appearance. Here are two cathedrals and a very large hospital. The city is strongly fortified, and is one of the most important seaports in Spain. Since the loss of the American Colonies, however, its commerce has been much reduced. Its population has a more mixed and diversified aspect than that of any other city in the kingdom. Population, 24, 543.

Granada, the capital of the kingdom of that name, was founded by the Moors; and at the period of their greatest glory, contained 400,000 inhabitants. It is still celebrated as the most beautiful city in Spain, although its population has dwindled to 59,300. The houses are nearly all in the Moorish style. It has many beautiful squares, fountains, and public buildings, with 7 colleges and 11 hospitals. In the immediate neighbourhood is the Alhambra, a magnificent Moorish palace, occupying the space of a small town. Every traveller has been struck with admiration at the sight of its splendid halls, golden saloons, courts, alcoves, fountains, colonnades, and mosaic pavements, which almost realize the description of fairy land.

Valencia, on the Guadalaviar, at its entrance into the Mediterranean, has many manufactories, and is a rich and elegant city. No town of Spain has so many shops, coffee-houses, theatres, concerts, balls, amusements, and entertainments of every description. The surrounding country is highly cultivated, and forms a delightful garden, the air of which is loaded with perfumes. The city has a large commerce in the exportation of silk. Population, 66,000.

Cordova, the capital of the kingdom of that name, stands on the Guadalquivir, and makes a splendid appearance at a distance. It contains a magnificent cathedral with 16 steeples and 4000 columns of jasper and marble. This building was originally a mosque, and was erected by the Caliph Abdalrahman. It affords an imposing evidence of the magnificent spirit and refined taste of the Spanish Moors. Cordova is now famous for its trade in leather. Population, 46,750. Its envirous produce the finest breed of horses in Spain.

Saragosa, the capital of Arragon, stands on the Ebro, and has considerable trade and manufactures. It is remarkable for the siege it sustained against the French, during the peninsular war. Population, 44,482. Its university has 2000 students, but not much literature. Malaga and Alicant, on the Mediterranean, and Corunna and Bilbao, on the Atlantic, are also considerable scaports. The first is reckoned the third commercial town in the kingdom. It exports largely the well-known Malaga or mountais wine; also, fine raisins and other fruits, anchovies, &c. Population, 22,500.

Bilbao is noted for its large exports of merino wool. Population, 15,000. Toledo, once the proud capital of Spain, contained, in the days of its prosperity, a
population of 205,000, which has been reduced to 15,000. Its manufactures of
wool and silk, which are said once to have employed nearly 40,000 men, have disappeared, and government has in vain attempted to revive that of swords, of
which those formerly manufactured at Toledo were valued above all others. Compostella, or St. Jago de Compostella, contains the most celebrated shrine of the
peninsula, with the body of St. James, its patron. In the chapel dedicated to him,
is his statue, two feet high, of pure gold, illuminated every night by 2000 wax
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REPUBLIC OF ANDORRA.

True little republic, with a territory of hardly 200 square miles, and a population of about 15,000 souls, occupies a valley on the southern side of the Pyrenees, situated between the Maladetta and the Moncai, and lying between Foix in France and Urgel in Spain. Beside Andorra, the capital, a town of 2000 inhabitants, it contains five villages, which export iron and timber. It is governed by a syndic, who presides over the council of the valley, and by two viguiers, appointed, the one by the king of France, and the other by the bishop of Urgel.

PORTUGAL.

PORTUGAL has by political causes alone been separated from Spain. There is no physical peculiarity by which the two kingdoms are distinguished. On the contrary, all the grand natural features of Spain are prolonged into Portugal, and become Portuguese.

The boundaries of Portugal are the Atlantic Ocean on the west throughout its whole extent, and also on the south; on the north the Spanish kingdom of Galicia; and on the east those of Estremadura and Leon. The greatest dimension is from north to south, or from 37° to 42° 10′ north latitude, and it extends from 6° 15′ to 9° 30′ west longitude. Its surface is 38,800 square miles.

The mountains of Portugal may be considered as prolongations of those of Spain, chiefly of the chains of Guadarrama and Toledo, and those in the north of Galicia. Those ranges, seldom rising to the first magnitude, cover almost the whole country, leaving between them many picturesque and fertile valleys. There are only two extensive plains, one on the south of the Tagus, and the other between the Mondego and the Douro.

The rivers of Portugal consist chiefly of the spacious terminations of the greatest streams of Spain in their progress to the Ocean. The Douro forms the great
maritime emporium of Oporto, and the Tagus that of Lisbon. The Guadiane,
also, in its lower course, flows along the eastern frontier of Portugal. The
Minho, a much smaller stream, comes down from Galicia; and the Mondego,
alone, is entirely Portuguese, flowing nearly across the breadth of the kingdom.
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Portugal, after the downfall of the feudal system, became one of the most absolute of European governments. The Marquis of Pombal and one or two more enlightened men found their way into the ministry; but, in general, measures were as ill conducted as possible, and corruption prevailed in every department of the state. The present government of Portugal is a constitutional hereditary monarchy. In 1838 a new constitution was accepted by the queen. The Cortes form an upper and a lower representative chamber, both of which are elective; the franchise being vested in the holders of a certain small amount of fixed property. The pride of the nobles is nearly as great as in Spain, without being accompanied by the same lofty sentiments. They are divided into two branches, the titu-

doe and the hidalgoe, and have held the peasantry in a subjection little short of

The army, prior to the revolution comprised nominally 30,000 men, and was in a most inefficient state, from the meapacity of the officers, and the general defects of the military system. When the French, however, had been driven out of Portugal, 40,000 men were levied and disciplined by British officers, under the superintendence of Lord Beresford; and thus prepared, the Portuguese acted, during the war which followed, in a creditable manner. The army is still maintained, to the amount of \$8,000 men; and though the new government will not brook British command, yet, under its influence, officers of merit have been formed.

The navy comprises only \$\tilde{2}\$ ships of the line, \$4\$ frigates, \$6\$ brigs, and some

The industry and commerce of Portugal, which presented so brilliant an aspect during her era of prosperity, have sunk lower than those of almost any other European nation.

Agriculture did not, until very lately, experience any of the improvements which have become general in the rest of Europe. The chief object of attention is the vine, which, with the clive and other fruit trees, is cultivated with the utmost diligence in the valleys and on the sides of the hills, in the northern parts of the kingdom. Here is produced abundantly the port wine, which forms the main basis of Portuguese trade, and finds so copious a market in Britain. The entire produce is estimated at 80,000 pipes. Of white wine Portugal produces about 60,000 pipes; but this is of inferior quality, and chiefly consumed at home. Sheep are bred on the hills, to a pretty large extent; but not so abundantly as in Spain, neither is their wool so fine.

The manufactures of Portugal scarcely deserve to be named. Little is known beyond the working of their wool for domestic use by each family or neighbourhood; all their finer fabrics are imported. Ignorance, or at least an imperfect knowledge of the commonest arts, is conspicuous among the Portuguese. carpentry and carriages of all kinds, their agricultural implements, locks, keys, &c. are ludicrously bad. Working in gold and silver plate, forms almost the only exception; cambrics also are well made in some places; and a few other local objects might be enumerated. Of mines and fisheries, the former is not at all cultivated. Fish of the finest kinds, particularly tunny and sardinias, are caught in considerable quantity for immediate consumption; but the salt which the kingdom so abundantly produces is not used for preserving them; and a large import of salted fish is still necessary to meet the wants of a population so rigidly Catholic.

The commerce, which formed the greatness of Portugal, when her ports interchanged the products of the East and the West, is now a mere shadow. The loss of her Indian possessions, and the separation of Brazil, have reduced her to the common routine of export and import. The staple of the former is port wine, for which the market of England was secured first by favouring duties, and now seemingly by an established predilection. The wine is raised almost solely for the English market, and all of the best quality is bought up by English merchants residing at Oporto.

Another staple export of Portugal is sait, evaporated by the heat of the sun in the bay of St. Ubes, which seems as if expressly formed for that purpose. It is carried off chiefly by the English, to be employed in curing fish destined for the Portuguese market: the annual amount is estimated at 100,000 tons. There is also a considerable surplus of wool, of which 1,000,000 lbs. weight have been imported into England in one year. In return, Portugal takes grain, salt fish, and a variety of manufactures, chiefly from Britain. The value of the exports and

imports are each about £2,000,000 annually.

The established religion is the Roman Catholic. The church has a patriarch. 3 archbishops, and 14 bishops. In 1834, the monasteries, 400 in number, were suppressed. The monks are each allowed a small stipend by government. There are still 150 numeries. The Inquisition was abolished in 1821. Education in

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Portugal is very limited. Besides the universities at Coimbra and Evora, there are 17 high seminaries, and only 33,000 scholars in the inferior schools.

Portugal has two universities. That of Coimbra, founded at Liston in 1290, was transferred to Coimbra in 1308. It enjoys some celebrity, is divided into sighteen colleges, and is still attended by several hundred students; but the course of study is of that obsolete description which prevailed during the middle ages. A smaller university was founded at Evora in 1578. The arts have hardly an existence in Portugal, and science and literature are much circumscribed. The literature consists chiefly in poetry, and excludes all philosophy. The very Latin partakes of the state of knowledge. That of the monks is unintelligible to the learned. Little has been done in Portugal for the mathematics, though something has been effected for geography, natural history, and botany. The music the learned. Little has been done in Portugal for the mathematics, though something has been effected for geography, natural history, and botany. The music is simple and sweet, and it is chiefly confined to songs. All the best foreign works are prohibited, and everything published is subjected to a strict censorship. The literature of Portugal, during the period of its glory, was by no means contemptible. The genius and fate of Camoens spread his name throughout Europe, and entitled him to rank among the few modern epic poets.

No nation, as to character, owes less to the opinion of the world, than the Portuguese. They are described as indolent, dissembling, cowardly, destitute of public spirit, and at the same time fierce and deeply revengeful. In Spain it is said, strip a Spaniard of his virtues, and he becomes a good Portuguese. The

said, strip a Spaniard of his virtues, and he becomes a good Portuguese. The peasantry, however, on repeated occasions during the late war, displayed energies not unworthy of their ancestors, in an age when their glory resounded throughout both hemispheres. ti fi to WE of to ha

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The population of Portugal, according to the more probable estimates, amounts to 3,549,420. Upon a surface of 38,800 square miles, this gives a density of about ninety-one to the square mile, which is remarkable, as exceeding that of Spain

nearly in the proportion of three to two.

Portugal is divided into aix provinces, several of which, like those of Spain in

reference to events in their past history, are sometimes called kingdoms.

The foreign possessions of Portugal are the Azoro, Madeira, and Cape Verde Islands; Congo, Angola, Benguela, and Mozambique, in Africa; Goa and Macao, in Asia; and Timor, in Malaysia. The population of these is estimated at 1,632,000: in Africa, 1,057,000; in Asia, 575,000: total of the Portuguese monarchy, 5,162,000

Lisbon, the capital, stands on the north bank of the Tagus, 10 miles from its mouth. It rises gradually from the water, and makes a magnificent appearance from without. The harbour, formed by the expansion of the river, is nine miles wide, and is one of the finest havens in the world. The interior of the city disappoints the expectation created by the first view. It is ill-built, with dirty, narappoints the expectation created by the first view. It is ill-built, with dirty, narrow, and crooked streets, yet some parts of modern construction are not wanting in elegance. There are thirteen large squares, the finest of which is the Praça do Commercio; this is fronted by elegant buildings, and bordered toward the river by the handsomest quays in Europe. In the centre is an equestrian statue of Joseph I. The cathedral is magnificent, and remarkable for the boldness of its dome. The Royal Hospital is an excellent institution, and there is a large founding hospital. Lisbon has also three observatories, many colleges and academies, 180 churches and chapels, 75 convents, and a royal library of 80,000 volumes. But the most remarkable edifice which it contains is the aqueduct of Remfica. It is 10 miles in length; some of its arches are 200 feet high and 100 feet wide. Altogether this is one of the most magnificent structures that have been exected Altogether this is one of the most magnificent structures that have been erected in modern times, and is not inferior to any ancient work of the same kind. There are three royal palaces in Lisbon and the neighbourhood, and around the city are

between six and seven thousand quintas, or country-houses. Population, 250,000.

Oporto, or Porto, the ancient capital, and still the second city of the kingdom, is situated near the mouth of the Douro, on the northern bank, though on the southern are two extensive suburbs, supposed to have constituted the ancient city. The modern town is well-built, especially when compared with most others in the

The chief dependence of Oporto is its trade with England, which remains unimpaired amid the general diminution of that with America. There are about thirty English houses regularly settled here, besides a number of merchants who pay frequent visits to the place. The Oporto wine company, which enjoyed the monopoly of the port-wine trade of this city, was abolished in 1834. Population, 80,000.

Coimbra is beautifully situated on the declivity of a hill, which rises above the Mondego; but the streets, as in other old Portuguese towns, are crowded, dirty, and very steep. It has been called the Athens of Portugal, from its extensive university, containing eighteen colleges, with forty professors, and shout eight hundred students. Attached to it is a library of nearly 40,000 volumes, including numerous MSS.; but the actual value both of these and the printed works does not seem to have been fully investigated. Population, 20,000.

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RUSSIA.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA is the chief portion of an empire of enormous extent, with vast capacities of imprevement, and standing at present, if not first, at least in the very first rank, among military nations. It is bounded on the north by the Frozen Ocean, and especially by its great gulf, the White Sea. On the seat, those grand natural limits, the mountains called the Urals, and the rivers Volga and Don, separate it from the Asiatic continent. On the south, it is bounded by the Euxine Sea and its gulfs, and by European Turkey. Westward, it unites with Russian Poland, which brings it in contact with the dominions of Prussia and Austria. It extends from about the 45th to the 68th degree of north latitude, and from the 21st to the 62d degree of east longitude; making about 1600 miles from north to south, and 1400 from east to west. The superficial extent is estimated to amount to 1,691,000 square miles; and of the whole empire, 7,660,000.

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The rivers of Russia are of the first magnitude; though the distant and insolated seas in which they terminate, incalculably diminish their commercial importance. The Volga is the greatest river of the empire and of Europe. It rises in the frontier of Novogorod, not far from the Baltic, and traverses in a S. E. line all the central provinces. After receiving, from the Asiatic side, the Kama, its greatest tributary, it flows chiefly S. S. E., forming the boundary of Europe and

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The Russian government is a despotism, under which the knout is administered even to nobles of the highest rank, who may have incurred the displeasure of the sovereign. The emperors have, indeed, endeavoured in some degree to mitigate this absolute power, and have even formed a directing senate of sixty-two members, divided into departments; but this body is entirely composed of individuals nominated by the monarch, and serves little other purpose than that of promulgating his places or decrees. Slavery is general. All the lands, with the exception of a few corners, are cultivated by serfis; and the value of a nobleman's estate is recknosed by the number, not of acres, but of slaves. The sovereign power has been generally exerted in a beneficent manner, to ameliorate the condition of this slaves, and to promote their emancipation, but hitherto with very imperfect success. Their treatment, on the whole, is far milder than in the West Indies: still the most abject submission is required, and the lash is in pretty general use. They frequently agree with their masters to pay them an annual rent, or corok, on condition of their being allowed to migrate to towns, and to carry on trades. Many of them have, in this way, acquired very great wealth.

The revenues of Russia bear little proportion to the extent of her territory, her natural resources, or even her population. They arise from a capitation-tax from the peasants; a tax from merchants, on their capital; custom-house duties on imported goods; stamps, coirage, postage: government assumes also the monopoly of distillation; and, in Siberia, the mines are wrought on its account, and the tribute of the subject races is paid in furs: but these last rources, subject to the assial mismanagement and corruption of the agents of an absolute government, produce probably very little. The total amount is supposed to be about £15,836,000 sterling, burdened with a debt of 1000 million roubles; the greater part of which being depreciated paper-money, fetters greatly the operations both of finance and commerces.

The Russian army has for a long time been one of the largest in Europe; in 1830 it amounted to 989,000 men. In 1835 it was reorganized; it now consists of 6 corps d'armée, each 60,000 strong; the corps of guards, 114,000; two reserved corps of cavairy, 30,000; the corps d'armée of Siberia, and the Caucasus, 90,000; total, 594,000 men. The artillery consists of near 1900 pieces. The real strength of the Russian army has always consisted, not in its numbers, but in the passive and iron valour of its infantry, and the rapid and skilful movements of its irregular cavairy; the Cossacks, the Baschkirs, and other Asiatic nomades. Its field artillery also has commanded the admiration of the best tactions.

To render Russia a naval European power, in which character she had no existence at the commencement of the last century, was the object of strenuous effort both to Peter and Catherine. A navy was accordingly created on the Baltic and Black Sea, which enabled Russia to become predominant in both. The present emperor has shown a strong predilection in favour of the navy, which has of late years rapidly improved in the effective number of ships and men, and in its general organization. In 1842, it consisted of 50 ships of the line, 25 frigates,

ten steamers, and about six hundred smaller vessels, manned by about 40,000 men.

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The mines of Russia supply gold, platina, silver, copper, lead, and iron; the two first are found most abundantly in the Ural mountains; the silver is obtained chiefly in Siberia. The annual value of gold, platina and silver, is estimated at £3,500,000. Copper, lead and iron, exist in various parts of the empire; the latter is smelted to the amount of 180,000 tons a year. Salt is obtained in various quarters. The Crimea alone furnishes about 960,000 tons a year.

The agriculture is extremely rude, and can never make much progress while all the husbandmen are enslaved and depressed. In the interior, the plough is a wretched instrument, which, dragged by one horse, merely scratches the surface; and the harrow is composed wholly of wood. In the south alone can the land be said to be really ploughed; and, even there, the rotation of crope is very little understood. Nevertheless, in every part of Russia there is a surplus of grain: in the morth, chiefly of cats, with some rye and barley; in the south, of the very finest wheat, in such abundance as might render this the granary of Europe.

The manufactures were for a long time in a very rude state, but since the year 1815, they have been astonishingly improved. The most national of them are coarse fabrics from hemp and flax, sail-oloth, duck, sheeting, sackcloth; all of which are supplied at a cheaper rate than they can be had elsewhere. The arms, cutlery, and other manufactures of iron and steel, though but indifferently finished, are well made. In 1836, there were 6015 manufacturing establishments in the empire, of which 1577 were devoted to cotton, woollen, silk and linen; the whole employed not less than 410,000 individuals, exclusive of those engaged in mines, smelting-houses, and furnacce; and the annual value of all the manufactures was estimated in 1841 at 130 million dollars.

The commerce of Russia is very considerable, in consequence of her large surplus of rude produce, and of the extensive wants which luxry has created, and which can only be supplied from abroad. The interior communications of the empire are of vast extent. The rivers which intersect its wide level plains are almost all navigable; and those which flow into the Baltic approach closely to others which direct their course to the Euxine and the Caspian; the Dwina to the Dnieper, and the Neva to the Volga. Colonial produce, particularly sugar, dyewoods, cotton-twist, wine, silks, &c., form the principal articles of import. In 1839, the exports were to the value of 68 million dollars. In the same year, 46,850 boats, and 7,469 rafts, arrived from the interior at the different great ports and emporiums of the empire, the products so conveyed being worth not less than 112 million dollars. The canal navigation of Russia, so far, has been exclusively the work of government. The canal of Ladoga joins the lake of that name with the Neva; its 67\$ miles long, and 70 feet broad. The Canal of Vishnei Vosholk connects the Caspian Sea at Astrachan, with the Baltic at St. Petersburg. There are several other canals completed, or in a state of forwardness. Rail-roads are exciting attention in Russia; an extensive work of that kind, from St. Petersburg to Moscow, is in progress; and some smaller roads are already finished.

The religion of Russia, so far as relates to establishment, is that of the Greek church, which is professed with many superstitious observances. The worship of images is carried to a great extent, though the letter of the scriptural prohibition is sought to be evaded by having only the drapery in relief, and the face flat and painted. With these representations, not only the churches are filled, but every serf has one in his cottage, to which he pays sundry and uncouth acts of obseance. Fasts are frequent, long, and rigidly observed; but at the festivals they indemnify themselves by an excess of eating, which not unfrequently proves fatal. The higher orders of clergy are all monks, well endowed, living usually retired and regular lives, and often possessed of considerable learning; but they come little in contact with the body of the nation. Of these there are thirty-three bishops and archbishops. The secular clergy have been estimated at 160,000, and their places of worship at 70,000. There are 480 monasteries, and 156 nunneries. The Lutherans, estimated at 2,500,000, are nearly confined to Finland and Livonia. The Crimea, and some other southern districts, are Mahometan.

The Catholics and Unitarian Greeks are nearly confined to the Polish provinces. The Russian government professes, and generally administers, an absolute toleration, and even equality of rights among the different religious professions; yet the caprice of despotism sometimes issues very tyrannical mandates. Such was the recent one, prohibiting the Jews from exercising any of the trades by which they have nitherto gained a subsistence, and enjoining them to apply solely to agriculture, which they had always shunned; and another, by which they were banished from both the capitals.

Russia in Europe is divided into 54 governments. In a more popular view, it is regarded as consisting of 5 divisions; the provinces of the Baltic, Great Russia, Little Russia, Southern Russia, and Western Russia.

In 1722, the population of Russia was rated at 14,000,000: it amounted, in 1795, to 36,000,000; in 1824, to 50,000,000; and at the present time, including Poland, it is probably not less than 57,500,000; and of the whole Russian empire, \$2,500,000. The basis of this great population is entirely Sclavonic, a race distinguished by a peculiar language; by a patient, hardy, obstinate, enduring character, and by a very limited extent of intellectual culture. There are about 3,000,000 of the Finnish race, principally in Finland. Tartars also inhabit the Crimea, and have penetrated into some of the southern provinces. The great body of the nation is divided, without medium or gradation, into the distinct classes of nobles and slaves. The few who struggle between these opposite extremes are insulated and unprotected individuals who can scarcely attain a place or character in society. The nobles include in their numbers many well-informed, intelligent, and liberal individuals. Their cultivation, both as to manner and intellect, is principally derived from France, whose language is almost exclusively spoken at court, and whose writers alone are generally read. The fortunes of the no-bility are in some cases truly enormous, especially when compared with the cheapness of provisions. The head of the Scheremetov family, reckoned the richest, is said to have 125,000 slaves, estimated at 150 rubles each. The nobles generally spend these estates in profuse and ostentatious hospitality, combining, though not very tastefully, the open house of the feudal baron, with the elegance and splendour of Parisian luxury.

The slaves, the other dire extreme of Russian society, form still the great mass

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of the people. This ill-fated class is divested of every right, political and personal, scarcely excepting that of life. The master has the full power of the scourge, which is liberally exercised, and of every other corporal punishment which does not produce death in twenty-four hours. There is, indeed, a law by which does not produce death in twenty-four hours. There is, indeed, a law by which the master may, in that case, be brought to justice; and there are marshal's courts, to which, in certain cases, the slave may appeal; but these means of re-

dress are practically very precarious.

The introduction of literature has been an object of anxious concern to the Russian monarchs, who have yet been able to illuminate only partially the night of ignorance in which their vast empire has been plunged. The Russian is be-ginning to be a written language, and the works of some of her literary men have of late drawn attention even beyond Russia. The public establishments are highly endowed and patronized. The Academy of Science was founded by Catherine I., who assigned to it an income of 50001. The Academy of Arts was founded by Elizabeth, but enlarged by Catherine II., who allowed it 12,000% of annual revenue to be employed in supporting 300 pupils, and in procuring the best models of every kind. The Imperial Library is extensive, and a fine cabinet of painting has been formed by the purchase of several collections. The university of Petersburg was founded in 1805, by Alexander, and endowed with an income of 130,000 rubles.

Education is at a low ebb in Russia; though much has been done, in the present century, for its advancement. Steps have been taken, and at vast expense, that must hereafter diffuse knowledge over the empire. Every parish, or two parishes united, must have a school; and besides these, there are 503 general establishments, with 1505 teachers, besides 51 gymnasia, one in the capital of each government. In the latter, the students are prepared for the universities, of which there are seven, viz., one at Moscow, St. Petersburg, Wilna, Dorpat, Charkof, Kasan, and Abo. There are several schools for the education of instructers, and upwards of 150 schools attended by students in theology. The Jews have a celebrated national institution, and there are besides, medical, mineral, mining, marine, and other schools. Many of the amusements in Russia are those of the children in other countries. A large assembly will often entertain themselves with forfeits and other similar games. In the cities, ice mountains form a favourite recreation. These are inclined planes, high and steep, covered with ice, down which the people descend in cars or on skates, and with the greatest velocity. There are swings used of various sorts, some turning in a perpendicular, and others in a horizontal manner. On certain festivals, all these are placed in the public squares, and the people mingle in the amusements with much animation, and without distinction of rank.

St. Petersburg, the metropolis of the Russian empire, is situated at the eastern extremity of the Gulf of Finland, and is built partly upon the mainland, and partly upon some small islands near the mouth of the Neva. One of its entrances is adorned with a magnificent triumphal arch. The foundation of the city is extremely marshy, and so low as to subject the city to frequent inundations from the waters of the gulf. It was founded in 1708, by Peter the Great, the spot being then occupied only by a few fishermen's huts. The streets of the city are from 70 to 150 feet wide, and are mostly intersected by spacious canals, embanked by parapets of hewn stone, and spanned at convenient distances by arched bridges of magnificent construction. The quays along the Neva are remarkably magnificent. The English Quay is nearly three miles in length. The houses are usually of brick, covered with stucco, and present a white and dazzling appearance at a distance. The views upon the borders of the Neva are of an extensy grand and lively description. The river is deep, rapid, and as transparent as crystal; and its banks are lined on each side with a continued range of noble buildings.

One of the chief subjects worthy of attention here, is the equestrian statue of Peter the Great, in bronze, erected by Catherine II. The Kazan church, built of marble, is a work of stupendous dimensions; but that of St. Isaac, now near its completion, will perhaps surpass it in magnificence. The Admiralty is a spacious and magnificent edifice, and the spire being covered with gilding, is seen from all parts of the city. The Hermitage, in a palace of the emperor, contains one of the finest collections of paintings in Europe. The Exchange is beautifully situated, with a quay in front: it is surrounded with pillars, and decorated with marble statues. During the winter, no part of the city is more crowded than the Neva. Inclosed places are allotted to the skaters; and sledge-races and various other amusements are generally practised. The population of St. Petersburg, in 1838, amounted to 469,720. In the year 1831, the malignant cholera destroyed 9358 persons in this city.

Moscow, the former capital, stands on the river Moskva, 487 miles south-east of St. Petersburg. Before the French invasion it was the largest city in Europe, being nearly 20 miles in circumference. The Kremlin is a superb structure, or rather a motley mass of gaudy buildings, comprehending the imperial palace and chapel, the public offices, the cathedral and other churches, and the arsenal. At the French invasion in 1812, the city was set on fire, and two-thirds of it destroyed. It is now mostly rebuilt. The streets are, in general, broad, and some of them are paved; others, particularly those in the suburbs, are floored with trunks of trees, or boarded with planks. Wretched hovels are blended with large palaces; some parts of the city have the appearance of a sequestered desert, and others that of a populous town. One of the curiosities of this place is the great bell, which is said to be the largest in the world; its circumference is 64 feet, and its height 19 feet. Population of Moscow, in 1830, 305,631.

Kazan is reckoned the third city in the empire, having 57,000 inhabitants, of whom 12,000, the most industrious, are Tartars. The city being built of wood, and its streets paved with the same material, was reduced to ashes, in 1815, by a great conflagration, which consumed the cathedral and palace, leaving only the

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Cronstadt, on an island 32 miles west of St. Petersburg, is a well-fortified place, and the principal station of the Russian navy. Vessels bound for St. Petersburg generally discharge their cargoes here. Population, 36,000. Kiev, on the Dnieper, contains a university and some celebrated catacombs. Population, 36,000. Riga, once the capital of Livonia, stands spon the Duna, 6 miles from the gulf of Finland, and is a place of much commerce. It chiefly exports corn, hemp, flax, iron, timber, leather, and tallow. It has a garrison, and a public library with 12,000 volumes. Here is a floating bridge over the Duna, 3600 feet in length. Population, 67,000. Odessa, the emporium of the Russian commerce on the Black Sea, is situated between the mouths of the Dniester and Dnieper. It contains a fine cathedral, a theatre, and several churches. Corn is the principal article of exportation. The imports are, dried and conserved fruits from Constantinople, to bacco, wine, &c. The fortress of Odessa is small, but kept in good order. Population, 69,000. Wilna, on the confluence of the Wilna and the Wilienka, has an extensive commerce, and is the principal winter residence of the nobility. Population, 35,697. Simpheropol is the chief town of Taurida, and has a motley population of 4200. Mohiley, on the Dnieper, has a very considerable commerce with Riga and Odessa. Population, 7000. Cherson, on the Black Sea, was once a flourishing place, but has greatly declined. Population, 24,506. Nishnei-Novogorod was at first intended by Peter the Great for his capital. It has a celebrated fair, and is one of the most commercial towns in Russis. Population, 14,000. Novogorod, in the government of the same name, contained, in the days of its prosperity, 400,000 inhabitants. It has a fortress, a curious cathedral, and churches ornamented with gilt spires; its present population is only 8634. Taganrok, on the promontory commanding an extensive prospect of the Sea of Asof, formerly contained 70,000 inhabitants. Population 18,000. Pultava, in the

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POLAND is a large country, which, though it has been so studiously expunged from the map of Europe, seems still to retain its claim to be considered as separate and distinct. The same physical aspect characterizes it; and the people, in their character, their language, and all their national feelings, are still Poles. Poland was conquered by the sovereigns of Russia, Austria, and Prussia, and

Poland was conquered by the sovereigns of Russia, Austria, and Prussia, and was subjected to three partitions, in 1772, 1793, and 1795. At the last partition, the king was deposed, the country blotted from the list of nations, and the whole territory divided between the three powers above mentioned. Napoleon wrested a portion of this country from the conquerors, and erected it into a state, with the title of the Grand Duchy of Warsaw, in 1807; but this government was overthrown at his downfall. The Prussian and Austrian divisions of Poland were attached as provinces to those monarchies, and the Russian division was formed into a kingdom as a part of the Russian empire.

The Poles remained in quiet submission to the Russian government till 1830, when, on the 29th November, Waraw rose in insurrection, and the whole kingdom was speedily in revolt. The hope of assistance from some of the free governments of Europe, induced them to spurn at all attempts on the part of the Russian emperor to bring them to submission, and a bloody struggle with the armies of the autocrat followed. The Poles at first obtained some signal advantages; but no foreign power stirred in their behalf; the Russians poured in fresh armies, and in a year from the breaking out of the revolt, Poland was overpow-

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re-established.

The partition of Poland between Russia, Austria, and Prussia, took place a three distinct epochs, viz., 1772, 1798, and 1795; and the result of the whole, is 1795, was nearly as follows:

Russia	14.160		168,000		6.700.000
Austri			64,000	***********	4,800,000
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In 1815, further changes were made by the Congress of Vienna, making the distribution of the country nearly as follows:

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Austria	32,000		3,600,000
Cracow			90,000
Prussia	25,000	************	1,600,000
Kingdom of Poland	47,000	********	3,000,000
Total	284,000		15,690,000

The extent and population of Poland, in 1825, were estimated as follows: they have no doubt since that time somewhat increased:

Prussian Poland	25,000		population.
Galicia	32,000	************	4,000,000
Republic of Cracow Kingdom of Poland			3,700,000
Russian Poland			
Total	284,000	***********	18,910,000

The word Polen, or Poland, signifies a plain, a name well suited to the face of the country, which is almost everywhere level, and in many places marshy. only great mountains are the Carpathians, forming the boundary between Poland and Hungary. Vegetation is a month later than in the same latitude in France, and the climate, on account of its humidity, and the exhalations from the marshes, is in many parts unhealthy. The soil is badly cultivated, yet so productive that the annual export of corn is computed to average 16,000,000 bushels. Other ex-

ports are hemp, flax, cattle, timber, wax, and honey.

The rivers of Poland are the Vistula, Bug, Niemen, Pregel, Dwina, Przypiec,

Dnieper, and Dniester.

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The Poles were originally a tribe of Sclavonians, and are, except the nobles, among the most illiterate and least civilized nations of Europe. The Polish language is a dialect of the Sclavonic; but the Latin is in general use in literary composition, and even in conversation among the higher ranks. There are universities at Cracow, Wilns, Warsaw, and Lemberg. The government of Poland was a monarchy, sometimes hereditary, and sometimes elective, limited by a dist The constitution has been defined the government of half a million of men of property, styled nobles, over 500,000 Jewish traders and 13,500,000 slaves. The inhabitants are Catholics, members of the Greek church, Jews, Lutherans, an Unitarians. The Jews comprise the men of business of the country: the current money is chiefly in their hands, and a great proportion of the land is mortgaged to them.

Society in Poland consists altogether of two distinct and distant orders, the noblee and the peasantry, without any intermediate degrees. The nobles, who are more numerous than in any other country in Europe, have always, in the eye of the public, formed the people of Poland. They are brave, prompt, frank, hospi-table, and gay. They have been called the French of the north, and, both from

habits and political connexion, are attached to that nation. Before their fall, their seighbours called them "the proud Polest." They consider it the deepest digrace to practise any profession, even law or medicine; and, in case of utmost necessity; even prefer the plough. The luxury of modern times, and the variations in the price of grain, have very generally involved them in pecuniary embarrassments, and placed many of their fortunes in the hands of Jews.

The Jews, sober, industrious, parsimonious, and crafty, form a numerous and separate people in the heart of Poland. Once a year occur what are called the Polish contracts, when the nobles repair to the principal towns, Kiev, Minsk, Warsaw, and Wilna, to sell their lands, pay their interest, and negotiate all their money transactions. Hither their wives and daughters resort for amusement; speculators bring their wares; usurers, musicians, strolling player, and sharpers, come to ply their respective trades. The Poles, in parameter, are handsome and vigorous. The Polish ladies are celebrated for their beauty, and are considered also more intelligent and agreeable than those of Russia. The peaconsidered also more intelligent and agreeable than those of Russia. The peasantry ere not absolute slaves, but they are raised little above that degrading condition; an estate being usually estimated by the number of its peasants.

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KINGDOM OF POLAND.

The kingdom of Poland, comprising the central portion of the preceding country, and consisting of the chief part of what from 1807 to 1812 formed the duchy of Warsaw, is bounded, north by east and west Prussia, east by Russia, south by Austrian Galicia, and west by Prussian Posen. It belongs generally to the vast Polish level. Population, in 1838, 4,298,962.

The plain, of which the greater portion of the kingdom consists, is rather of a sandy character, and the overflowing of its large rivers often converts it into marsh. Generally speaking, however, it is a good grain country, under tolerable authorities. The manufactures of linen and woollen cloth for domestic consump-

cultivation. The manufactures of linen and woollen cloth for domestic consumption are considerable, though they produce none of fine quality. In the capital, the making of carriages and harness is of such extent as to assume almost a national importance. Minerals are not a leading feature, though there are iron mines of some value in the southern range of hills. There is a great transit trade of grain down the Visula, partly the produce of the kingdom itself, but chiefly of the more fertile regions to the south; but Poland labours under a severe dis-

advantage in not possessing the mouth of that river, and its port of Dantzic, which has been anuexed to the Propian territory.

A representative constitution was granted by Alexander, in his quality of king of Poland. The new diet was divided into two chambers, one of which was elected by the nobles and the provincial assemblies, while the senate consisted of ten walwodes appointed by the emperor in his character of king of Poland, ten castellans nominated by the senate, and ten bishops. This constitution, however, granted in a liberal and conciliatory spirit, was not found to work so agreeably as a sovereign elsewhere despotic could have desired. It became the aim of the prince to abridge the privileges which appeared to him to be too liberally used. The diet was less frequently assembled; the liberty of the press, at first granted, was withdrawn. These encreachments kindled a discontent, which broke out in the late effort to effect an entire emancipation from Russis, the unfortunate issue of which is, that every vestige of independence is destroyed; the name of the kingdom remains, but it is, in fact, a part of the Russian empire.

Warsaw, the capital alike of old and of New Poland, is finely situated on the

Vistula. During the war which terminated in the subjugation of Poland, it stood the heaviest brunt; and its population in 1789 was reduced to 75,000; but since that time it has improved; and in 1839 it contained 139,671 inhabitants. Among these are 25,000 Jews. The city presents a fine appearance from the St. Petersburg road; but the impression disappears on entering the town. The streets are narrow and dirty, and, as is usual in aristocratic cities, no provision is made for the comfort and accommodation of foot passengers. The new town is

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n is n is built in a better style; the government palace and the palace of the reinister of finance are both splendid buildings; but the finest part of Warnaw consists of its four suburbs having caparate rights and jurisdictions. That of Praga, once a strong citadel, was almost destroyed in the dreadful assault by Suwarcow, in 1795; it is now, however, rebuilding. Warnaw originally consisted almost entirely of wooden houses; but that material is now prohibited; and the modern-built private houses are greatly improved. During the period of its calamitics, Warsaw lost the finest collections made by its former sovereigns. The gallery of paintings formed by king Stanislaus, and the Zalouski library, were transported to Potarsburg; and another library, of more than 45,000 volumes, was transferred to Volhynia. Even the university founded, or rather revived by Alexander, in 1821, has been suppressed.

The other towns in the kingdom of Poland are only of eccondary importance. Lublin, which ranks second, contains 12,500 inhabitants. It is situated pleasantly in one of the most fertile districts of the kingdom, and communicating on the south with others still more fertile. It is distinguished by the castle of Casimir the Great, the palace of Sobieski, some fine churches, and the largest synagogue of Poland. Zamosc, in the same vicinity, is an important fortress. Kalisc, on the Proswa, is rather a well-built town, with 15,000 inhabitants, a military school, and some manufactures.

THE REPUBLIC OF CRACOW.

Tars little community ower its existence to the disputes of the three dowers that partitioned the kingdom of Poland. In 1815, when the final of of Poland was decided at the congress of Vienna, the Austrian and Russian mo-narchs respectively laid claim to the city and territory of Cracow, situated at the point where the newly acquired territories of these two powers join those of Prussia. To this fortunate position, Cracow is indebted for its exemption from the fate of the rest of Poland. The holy allies, unable to determine which of their number had the best right to the territory, resolved that neither should pracess it; and Cracow was declared a republic under the protection of the three surrounding powers. In 1841 the revenue amounted to \$335,000.

The degree of freedom which it enjoys, though only by sufference, has render its environs more fertile and smiling than those of the rest of Poland. Its surfi contains 500 squere miles: the population of the city, in 1837, was 37,027, that of the territory, 94,435; of which 12,000 were Jews. "The university, once the great school of the north, and frequented by crowds of students, was broken upduring the civil commotions, and the attempts to restore it have been fruitless. It has at present thirty professors, but not more than 271 students. Of the 76 churches formerly in Cracow, 40 are in ruiss. The Cathedral alone retains its eplendour and its coulty decorations entire, and for which it is justly celebrated. It is remarkable for the tomb of St. Stanislaus, the monument was some time since mixed meaning them. An intersection monument was some time since mixed here to rated mausoleums. An interesting monument was some time since raised here to the memory of Kosciusko. It consists of a mound, Mogila Kosciusko (Kosciusko's Mount), 300 feet in height, and 275 feet in diameter at the base, and standing upon rising ground commanding the Vistula.

GERMANY.

GERMANY is an extensive country, situated in the heart of Europe, and exer-sing a most important influence in the affairs of that continent; there is a peculiar complication in its geography, whence it is often termed the labyrinth of geography; it is not only divided into numerous States of every varied dimension and description, but several of these have large portions of the neighbouring comptries, particularly of Poland and Italy, incorporated into their territory.

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The divisions of Germany have been various at different times. In 1562, Maximilian divided it into 10 circles, Austria, Burgundy, Upper Rhine, Lower Rhine, Franconia, Bavaria, Swabia, Westphalia, Upper Saxony; and Lower Saxony; the first two Catholic, the last two Protestant, the other six mixed, Burgundy, which contained the 17 provinces of the Low Countries or Netherlands, having long since been detached from the empire, it latterly contained only 9 circles. In addition to these great divisions, there were other countries which formed portions of the German empire; Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Lusatia, and some smaller districts. The electors were 9 in number, of Ments, Treves, Cologns, Bavaria, Patricts. latine, Saxony, Brunswick, Luneburg, and Brandenburg.

The number of princes, secular and ecclesiastical, was upwards of 300, each independent in the administration of his own territory, but subject to the emperor as head of the empire, and to certain laws enacted at different times for the common advantage. There were besides a number of free towns, and a class of nobles, who acknowledged no sovereign but the emperor. The constitution of this great body was extremely complicated; the emperor was at first chosen by the princes at large; in the course of time the princes deputed their votes to certain representatives, called electors, and the latter eventually took on themselves the nomination, without the interference of their constituents.

The States of Germany passed through various changes from the commencement of the French revolution to the sitting of the congress of Vienna, in 1814 and 1815. The States, reduced in number but augmented in extent, were formed anew by the congress into a federative body to be governed by a diet. The German territories now comprise about one third part of the empire of Austria, the greatest part of Prussia, Holstein, and Lauenburg, belonging to Denmark, Luxemburg, belonging to Belgium and Holland, the kingdom of Hanover, of which the last five British kings were sovereigns, the kingdoms of Bavaria, Wirtemberg, and Sazony, 37 smaller independent States governed by native German princes, and A free cities. and 4 free cities

Germany is intersected by numerous rivers, which afford great advantages to commerce. It counts 520 rivers, in all, 60 navigable to a great extent, and 6, viz., the Danube, Rhine, Elbe, Oder, Weser, and Mayne, ranking among the noblest in Europe. The canals are comparatively few. The principal are the canal of Kiel, joining the Baltic to the North Sea, the canal of Travenunds, extending from Lubeck to Hamburg, and some others, chiefly in the Pruesian States. The climate in the north is rather severe, in the south mild and generally healthy, except in the marshy districts around the North Sea. Vienna is also considered unhealthy,

from its humid position.

The soil is very various; sandy plains and barren heaths abound in the northsast, swamps and marshes in the north-west; but large portions of the interior and south-west parts are uncommonly fertile.

The productions are wheat, barley, ats, and other kinds of grain, flax, madder, rape-seed, hops, wine, cattle, horses, sheep, &c. Agriculture is backward in many parts, particularly in the south.

Mining is one of the sources of wealth, in which Germany may be said to sur-

ass every country in Europe. Nowhere has the science been more studied, or brought to greater perfection. The principal mining districts are Styriz and Carinthia, in Silesia, the Erzgebirge, in Saxony, and the Hartz, in Hanover. The products are gold, silver, copper, lead, tin, iron, mercury and cinnabar, cobalt, calamine, arsenic, bismuth, antimony, manganese, salt, and coal, of which the aggregate amount is immense. Germany contains upwards of 1000 mineral springs and baths, of which the most celebrated are Carlebad, in Bohemia, Toplitz, in Austria, Seltzer, in Nassau, Pyrmont, in Westphalia, and Aix la Chapelle.

The products of the industry of Germany, an extensive region cultivated by a laborious people, are of large amount. They consist of plain, solid, somewhat rough articles; in exchange for which, she procures the finer manufactures of England and France, and the delicate productions of southern Europe and the

Agriculture, throughout all this fertile region, is carried on with great diligence,

though not altogether on the extensive scale, or with the intelligence, which have rendered British farming so successful. The cultivators are mostly little farmers or little proprietors, who till the ground with their own hands, and who, in all the Teutonic States, constitute a class called baser, or peasants. The improved processes of this important art, however, are making their way, though slowly. Of the various kinds of grain, rye is the most extensively cultivated, and forms the food of the great body of the people. Wheat is also raised largely, and is of excellent quality, especially in Bavaria and Austria; buckwhett is sown chiefy on the sandy tracts of porthern Germany. Barley and cats, of various kinds, are also general; and maise abounds in Moravia and the extreme southern districts. Peas, beans, lentils, and other pulse are produced in great abundance, and great quantities are sent out from the northern parts. Flax is raised in large quantities; also hope, rape-seed, &c. Wine is a German production; all the southern districts, as far as 51 degrees north, produce it, but only some of the Rhenish

wines are in much request abroad.

The commerce of Germany, though extensive, is not equal to that which formerly existed, or to the advantages arising from her situation in the heart of Europe and of the civilized world. She was, after Italy, the first European country in which commerce revived; and the Hanssatic league once engrossed the whole trade of the north. In recent times, Germany has been outstripped by Holland, by Britain, and even by France. The German writers ascribe this decay to the want of unity consequent on the number of little States into which their country is split, which deprives its ships of a national flag, and of a powerful protection while navigating remote seas. Their shipping is chiefly confined to Hamburg, Lubeck, and Bremen, the remnant of the Hanss towns, which still enjoy many of their old privileges in the ports of Europe, and whose flag is seen in every part of that continent. A commercial league was some time since formed by the principal States of Northern and Central Germany, for the purpose of relieving internal commerce from the restrictions to which it has been subjected by the numerous customs-barriers of the different powers. The parties to this league agree to the suppression of all duties upon the internal commerce between their respective territories, and establish a common frontier, with a common rate of duties, in reference to their external commerce with other States. Pransia, Bavaria, Baden, Wirtemberg, Saxony, the Saxon duchies, the Hesses, Nassau, Frankfort, and several small States have already joined this league, which thus comprises a population of about twenty-four millions and a half.

The exports of Germany include most of those productions in which she has been described as excelling; grain; salted provisions, especially hams; live cattle and hogs; timber; iron and steel; lead; salt; linen, linen yarn; woollens; porcelain, glass, ashes, &c. In return she receives nearly all the luxuries of life; the manufactures of Britsin, the wines of France, the sweets and aromatics of the East and West; also dye-stuffs, and the cotton and silk which are necessary for her own manufactures. The internal commerce of Germany is extensive. It owes this advantage chiefly to its noble rivers, on which vessels of large burden can pass nearly from one extremity to the other. Rail-roads are exciting attention in Germany, in Austria, Prussia, and some of the other States; several of the most important cities and towns are already connected by them.

In manufactures, Germany does not retain that prominent place which she once held. Formerly the Hanse towns clothed all the north; but since the aprits of industry has been awakened, first in Holland, then in Britain, and lastly in France, Germany, instead of supplying those countries, was for a time inundated with their fabrics. Great attention, however, is now paid to manufactures, in Prussia and many other of the German States. Linen is an important manufacture: the others are woollens, outlone, manufactures of leather, porcelain, glass, sugar-refinery, musical and mathematical instruments, clocks, watches, town outleys, &c.

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The inhabitants of Germany may be rated at nearly 39,000,000. They inhabit 2433 cities, 2071 market-towns, and 88,619 villages and farms, independently of single houses. Germany has no great capital, like France and England, in which the wealth, power, and civilization of the State are as it to the proportions. On the

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The people of this region are distinguished into two races, the German and Sciavonian. The Germans are estimated at 32,000,000, and are divided into two Sclavonian. The Germans are estimated at 32,000,000, and are divided into two families, High and Low German, distinguished less by physical differences, than by character, and particularly by the mode of pronouncing the language. The Sclavonic races are reckoned at 6,500,000. They are much inferior in civilization to the Germans, but are a laborious race, formerly almost all in a state of bondage, but now mostly emancipated, and many of them possessing considerable wealth. Besides these leading races, there are about 200,000 kializans; from 20,000 to 25,000 French, and 250,000 Jaws.

The Germans are distinguished for attainments in literature, science, and the arts. They are particularly eminent in biblical and critical learning, statistics, political economy, mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, and mechanics. In no other country is authorship so extensively made a business for life.

Germany is famous for its universities, which are much resorted to from other countries. The number before 1802 was 36; since that period several have been suppressed, and the present number is 30. Of those which stand in the first rank are Gottingen, Halle, Jens, Leipsic, and Heidalburg. Vienne is the most eminent as a medical school.

In about 150 towns there are libraries open to the public, many of which are very large; besides the universities, there are numerous seminaries, styled gymnacis, many of which are celebrated schools of learning. The German language is spoken by a greater population than any other in Europe, except perhaps the French. It is derived from the Teutonic, and is divided into a number of dialects. The Saxon dialect, sailed High German, is the language of books and genteel

In regard to religion, Germany has been the scene of the greatest revolution in modern times. In its bosom the Reformation sprung up; and within it were carried on the most formidable of the conflicts between the old and the new system. Elsewhere, one or the other finally prevailed; but in Germany they have settled into a pretty equal division of the country. Speaking generally, the whole south may be called Catholic; the whole north, Protestant. Of the greater States, the Catholic religion rules in Austria and Bavaria; the Protestant, in Prussia, Saxony, Hesse, and Hanover. A complete toleration is now everywhere granted to every profession. The Catholies still hold the majority, being reckoned at \$2,600,000, the Protestants at 15,000,000. Jews, Moravians, Mennonites, Hussies, and some

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The ordinary concerns of the Germanic Confederation are entrusted to a federative diet of 17 members; and the making or altering of its fundamental laws, to a general accembly of 70 members, from the various States or members of the confederation. The sessions are held at Frankfort on the Maine. The members

are equal in rights, but Austria presides.

The following table gives a general view of the Germanic Confederacy. in 1839

States.	Area in Sq. Mil	66.	Population.	,	Capitals.
Austria	78,912		11,713,950		Vienna.
Prussia	70,549				Berlin.
Bavaria	30,997		4,338,370		Munich.
Saxony					
Hanover					Hanover.
Wirtemberg	7,500		1,646,780		Stuttgard.
Baden	5,800		1,227,260		Carlruhe.
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Home-Darmstadt		*****			Darmstadt.
Holstein	3,691	12.000	476,950		Kiel.
Luxemburg			332,290		Luxemburg
Saxe-Weimar					Weimar.
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THE Empire of Austria is not only the first power in Germany, but by its possessions, both within and without, has long ranked among the foremost States in the general system of Europe. Nearly one-half of its territories are in Germany, the residue comprise Hungary, with its appendages, Galicia, formerly a part of Poland, and the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom in Italy, together with Dalmatia, once a part of the territory belonging to the Republic of Venice. The Austrian monarchy is bounded on the east by Turkey and Russia; on the north by Prassia and Saxeny; on the west chiefly by Bavaria, Switzerland, and Sardinia; and on the south by Tuscany and the States of the Church. The whole territory amounts to 288,000 square miles. The face of the country is various: Styrins, the Tyrol, and Milytia and mountainous: Bohomic and Mayaria at monarchy and the mountainous. and Illyria, are moutainous; Bohemia and Moravia are encompassed by mountains. The Carpathian range extends along the north-east of Hungary. A large portion of the soil is fertile, especially in Lombardy and Hungary. The Danube runs, throughout its whole extent, mostly from east to west. The other principal rivers are the Dniester, Teisse, Save, Drave, Inn, Po, and Adige.

The lakes are the Platten-see and Neusidler-see, in Hungary; Traun-see and

Atter-see, in Austria Proper; and the Garda and Como, in Lombardy.

The Austrian empire abounds in almost every product conducive to the necessity and luxury of man, and its resources are very great. The minerals comprise gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, natural steel, mercury, coal and salt; the smuul amount of the latter is not less than 892,000 tone; coal, 188,000 tone; and iron, 85,000 tons. In 1834 there were 11,064 manufactories, employing 2,330,000 individuals, and producing to the value of \$700,000,000. Woollen, cotton, silks dividuals, and producing to the value of \$700,000,000. Woollen, cotton, silks flax, leather, glass, porcelain, and the different metals, were among the objects of manufacture. The imports of the empire, in 1834, were to the value of \$52,000,000, and the exports, \$55,000,000. The annual revenue is near \$60,000,000, and the public debt \$242,000,000.

The established religion is the Roman Catholic, but general teleration is granted; and members of the Protestant and Greek churches are numerous in Hungary, Transylvania, and Solavonia, where they enjoy considerable privileges.

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The numbers of the different denominations are as follows: \$7,000,000 Roman Catholics; \$,000,000 Greek Catholics; 1,500,000 Greek Church; 2,850,000 Calvinists and Lutherans; 480,000 Jews; the remainder comprises Unitarians,

Armenians, and Mahomedans.

The government is nearly absolute, except in some of the States, particularly Hungary and Transylvania; where it is limited by constitutional provisions. The principal universities are those of Viennas, Prague, Pest, Lemberg, Padua, and Pavia. Academies and gymnasia are numerous. Though Austria can Boast of some distinguished names, yet in regard to literature she is greatly behind the north of Germany. The revenue of the emperor amounts to about 60 million dollars. The emperor has a large private fortune, independent of the State, from which he defrays a part of his private expenses.

The army amounts to 371,800 men; in time of war the empire can maintain 650,000. The navy comprises 8 ships of the line, laid up in ordinary at Venice.

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650,000. The navy comprises 8 ships of the line, laid up in ordinary at Venice; 8 frigates; 4 corvettes; 13 brigs, schooners, &c.; only some of the smaller vessels are at sec. The maintenance of the army costs more than a third of the whole

The following statement exhibits the areas in square miles, and the population of the different divisions of the Austrian empire in the year 1838.

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The German territories belonging to the Austrian Emperor consist of the archduchy of Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, Styria, Illyria, and Tyrol: these, with Hungary, are known under the appellation of the Hereditary States.

Lower Austria, or Austria below the Ema, forms as it were the metropolitan province, being situated in the very heart of this vast empire. It is composed of the deep and warm valley of the Danuba, bordered on each side by considerably elevated mountain chains. Those on the south form a part of the great Alpine barrier; inferior, however, to the gigantic ranges of Switzerland and the Tyrol.

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Upper Austria is entirely a mountain region, an assemblage of lofty alps and glaciers, separated by valleys, and even small plaims, and presenting landscapes sometimes soft and pleasing, sometimes in the highest degree wild and romantic. Upper Austria is bounded, and in a great degree covered, by the Bohemian forest. It is most copiously watered, not only by the Danube, but by the Inn, the Traun, and the Ens; and has the Kammersee, the Mondsee, the Zellersee, the Traunsee, and other lakes, which are romantic and well supplied with fish, but of little extent. It is needless to say that the country is little fitted for agricul-tural purposes; yet there is no district of Germany which has been improved with greater diligence.

Styria is a considerable inland territory, immediately to the south of Lower Austria, once governed by its own dukes, but long since absorbed in the empire. It is divided into Upper and Lower Styria; the former of which, being the western part, is altogether alpine; while the eastern districts decline into lower mounern part, is attogether alpine; while the castern districts decline into lower into the ratio, then into gentle hills, and finally into almost a level plain, on the borders of Hungary. The grain is chiefly maize (used both for the cattle and for the bread of the lower orders), rye, and buckwheat; and the annual produce is estimated at 7,800,000 bushels. Flax, hemp, and potatoes, are general.

Illyria is a rugged and mountainous district, with a vigorous but healthy climate, except on the coast, where it is warm, and the vegetation luxuriant: the

soil, in general, is but ill fitted for corn, of which it, however, produces 9,000,000 bushels, chiefly of the coarser kinds, rys and cats. There is a good deal of flax, and a little hemp and silk. Cattle and sheep are fed in great numbers. Minerals of various kinds are abundant. The quicksilver mines of lairs are the richest in Europe, and yield annually great quantities of quicksilver and cinnahar. The mouthern part of Illyria touches on the Adriatic See, and contains Trieste, the only seaport of any consequence belonging to Austria.

The Tyrol, including Vorariberg, is the meet westerly of the German territories of the empire, and borders upon Bavaria and Switzerland. It is also the most lofty and rugged of all the alpine regions of Austria. The Tyrolese have made all that was possible out of their rugged soil. They have a great store of horned cattle and sheep; valuable gardens, from which apples are sent even to Russia; good wine, though it will not keep; some tobacco; wood, and salt in abundance.

good wine, though it will not keep; some tobacco; wood, and salt in abundance. The other mineral productions are in considerable variety, but of no great amount. The national character of the Tyrolese is excellent. They are honest, sincere, and open-hearted. Their attachment to their country, to its independence, and to the house of Austria, has been displayed in the most heroic manner.

Bohemia is the most considerable and most valuable of all the Austrian territories in Germany. It consists of an extensive plain, completely enclosed by a ring of mountains, of which the Riesengebirge separate it from Sileaia, the Erzgebirge from Saxony, those of the Bohemian forest from Austria and Franconia; It is the most completely inland country of Germany, being nearly equidistant from the North Sea and the Adriatic. With the former, however, it communicates cates by the great stream of the Elbe, which rises in and rolls through all Bohemia, receiving its great tributary, the Moldau, and all its other waters. There is, perhaps, no country on earth more amply stocked with all kinds of solid and useful commodities than Bohemia. Grain, cattle, timber, metals, are all in such plenty, that it is difficult to say which predominates.

Moravia, including the small part of Silesia which remains to Austria, is a country of less extent than Bohemia, but of nearly similar aspect, and equally

fertile. It has also a frontier of high mountains; being bounded on the one side by those which separate it from Bohemia, on the other by the Carpathian mountains, beyond which are Poland and Hungary. Smaller chains penetrate the country, and render the full half of it mountainous; but broad and fruitful valleys intervene, and the southern part consists of fine and extensive plains, the soil of

which is peculiarly rich.

Vienna is the capital of Lower Austria as well as of the whole Austrian Empire, and is the largest city in Germany. It stands on the Danube, in the midst of a plain diversified by a number of picturesque eminences, and skirted on one side by a range of mountains. It consists of two distinct parts, the city and the suburbs, which are strongly contrasted in their appearance. The city is meanly built, with narrow, irregular streets, and is surrounded with walls and bastions. The suburbs consist of wide streets, elegant buildings, and beautiful gardens. The Prater is a wide meadow on an island in the Danube, forming a delightful public walk, which is frequented by all ranks of people in the summer. cathedral of St. Stephen is an immense Gothic edifice with a spire 447 feet high; the painted glass of its windows renders the interior gloomy. The buildings are generally of freestone. There are many excellent libraries, of which the Imperial is the largest, and contains above 300,000 volumes. There are 60 churches, 17 convents, besides numeries, 5 theatres, and a garrison of 15,000 men. Population, in 1840, 360,000, including the garrison of 15,000 men. Salzburg, in Lower Austria, is situated on a branch of the Inn, in a mountainous

country. The neighbourhood produces great quantities of salt. Population, 12,000. Lints, the capital of Upper Austria, situated on the Danube, is a well-built city; and its fine square, considerable castle, three monasteries, and bridge of 800 feet

long over the Danube, give it a very handsome appearance. It has a considerable aperial manufactory of woollen. Population, in 1834, 23,318.

Gratz, the ancient residence of the dukes, is the capital of Styria; it is streated on the Mur, in a fine valley, on the borders of the lower district. It is a hand-

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some, leasting, and proves town, and contains many issues which may be called palaces. Indeed, it ranks the third in the hereditary dominions, and contains 2651 houses, with a population of 39,772. Its ild walls and castle, situated a high rock, no longer suffice to render it a fortified city. The church of St. Ierine, and the measument of Ferdinand II., are its chief ornaments. Its lyceum, the only one that exists in the province, has twenty-six professors, and a library of 70,000 volumes. It carries on a considerable trade.

Lay, ch, the capital of Illyrie, stands about 30 miles from the Adriatic; it is famous for a congress of European coversigns held here in 1820. Population, 13,079. Triesto, scated on the Adriatic, is the greatest scapest of the whole American Empire; its trade is very active, and extends to the North of Europea and the United States. Its harbour is large and case. Most of the European mations have consuls here. It is also distinguished for manufactures. Population, 51,346.

The towns of the Tyrol are Innepruck, the capital; an ancient, well-built, and considerable place, with 10,786 inhabitants, commanding the valley of the Inn, and the most direct passage from Germany into Italy. Hall, further down on the same, flourishes by large mines of salt. Trent, on the Adige, and near the borders of Italy, is a fine old city, celebrated for the ecclesiastical council held there in 1545–1562, which had so signal an influence on the political destinies of Europe. Roveredo, still further down, and almost Italian, carries on some silk manufactures. Botsen has a crowded market, where the German and Italian merchants exchange the commodities of their respective countries.

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Prague, the capital of Bohemia, is tolerably well built, but thinly inhabited, and imperfectly fortified. It stands on the Moldan, a shallow, but rapid stream, over which is an elegant bridge. Its university is the oldest in Garmany. Here are 100 churches and chapele, and as many palaces, among which is that of Wallenstein, celebrated by the pen of Schiller: the stable of this palace is a magnificent edifice with stalls for 36 horses divided by marble pillars and the neigh-

of steel and marble mangers. The city has some manufactures, and the neighbourhood is fertile and pleasant. Population, in 1837, 107,386.

The towns of Moravia are considerable. Brunn and Olmutz are both strong fartresses, and barriers of the empire. The former, containing 30,000 inhabitants, is the seat of government, and has extensive manufactures of fine woollens. Olnutz is a great market for Russian and Hungarian cattle. Iglau, an open town, as considerable manufactures, and is the greatest thoroughfare in Moravia.

HUNGARY.

Hussany, with Transylvania, Sclavonia, Croatia, and the region termed the Military Frontier, forms a wide range of territory. Long the grand field of conflict between the Ottoman and Christian powers, it was finally possessed by the latter, and has for several centuries formed an integral and important part of the hereditary states of the house of Austria, which has recently annexed to it the portion of Dalmatia obtained from Venice.

Hungary is bounded on the west by Germany, on the south and east by Turkey, and on the north and north-east by the Carpathian Mountains. It forms a square of nearly 400 miles in each direction, comprehending, with all its approached States, an area of 133,000 square miles, inhabited by nearly 13,000,000 and ants. The Danube, the greatest river entirely European, rolls through the country chiefly from north to south, and receives here its mightiest tributaries; those from

the west are the Drave and the Save, and from the north the Theiss, the Gran,

and the Wang. The most important of the lakes of Hungary are the Platten-see or Balaton Lake, and the Neusidler-see, the water of which is salt.

The ranges—the Carpathian Mountains separate Hungary from Austria, Moravia, Galicia, and Transylvania; there are also several detached ranges. Yet the country works. (General plains; two very extensive; one on the western part, 90 miles & dis. ler; the lower, or eastern plain, comprises nearly one half of the country, havete S dismeter of more than 200 miles. There are also some extensive marries.

The plains lying on the rivers have a rich altuvial soil, of which, in the south,

a great proportion is good, yet there are large barren heaths, and some tracin covered with moving sand; and in the north the soil is hard and untractable. The most common productions in the northern part are barley, cats, common rye, and a species of rye called irkitsa; in the southern, wheat, maize, millet, cats, and rice. Hemp, flax, tobacco, saffron, potatoes, and various fruits, are cultivated. The breeding of cattle and the making of wine are important branches of industry. The country is celebrated for its pastures, and here are found some of the fince cattle in Europe. Agriculture is generally in a backward state. Of the exports corn is the most considerable article; next, tobacco; then, wine, particularly Tokay, and wool; also, wax, tallow, potash, alum, antimony, gall-nuts, for Hungary produces a greater quantity of wine than all the rest of the Austrian do min fire to

Manufactures are little attended to; the raw produce being easily sold to the neighbouring states. The only article manufactured for exportation is leather. The empacted is subject to great restrictions from the Austrian system of taxation. We have no certain accounts of the revenue, but it is thought to be about 10,000,000 dollars. The army consists of 38,000 men, comprising 98 regiments.

There are a great number of mineral springs, and mines of gold, silver, lead, and copper; very rich ores of antimony; also, coal, salt, and alum, are abundant. The chief are the gold and ailver mines of Cremnits, and the silver mines of Schemnits. The gold mine at Cremnits has been wrought for 1000 years and upwards, and is exceedingly rich. There is a mint here, to which all the mine-towns of Hungary and Transylvania send their gold and silver to be coined. The number of miners employed by the crown at Schemnits is 8000. A mineral peculiar to Hungary is the opal, which is found a short distance to the north of Kaschau.

Hungary is peopled by seven different races, comprising Maygars, Slowaks, Croatians, Germans, Wallachians, Rasniaks, and Jews; besides which there are about 30,000 Ziguenes or Gypsies. The two first of these races comprise nearly 6,000,000 souls. The Hungarians are distinguished for a military spirit; they are sociable and hospitable, though proud and irritable. The two great pursuits are agriculture and arms, and there are few trades. In a people so variously compounded, or rather in a country with so many distinct races, the character and customs must necessarily be various. The gypsies in Hungary have the same restless wandering disposition that distinguishes them elsewhere. They are the travelling tinkers and musicians; they act also as farriers, and are universally the executioners and hangmen.

The emperor of Austria is styled king of Hungary. The constitution is a compound of monarchy and aristocracy. The king, as the great executive magintate, has very ample prerogatives. The diet is composed of 4 classes: 1. the Catholic prelates; 2. the magnates or superior nobles; 3. the representatives of the inferior nobles; and 4. the representatives of the royal free towns. The administration of justice is entirely in the hands of the nobles, and none but nobles can be landed proprietors. The number of nobles of all ages and both sexes, is about \$2.26,000.

Buda or Ofen, the capital of the kingdom, lies on the right bank of the Danube. It is the residence of the palatine, and seat of the supreme government. Population, 41,000. Pest or Peath, the finest town in the kingdom, stands on the left bank of the Danube, and is united with Buda by a bridge of boats. It has a university with four faculties, and a library of 50,000 volumes. Population, 65,000. Presburg, on the north bank of the Danube, contains a Catholic college and a Lutheran gymnasium. Population, 37,380. Debrecsin, with 42,000 inhabitants, is, next to Pest, the most important commercial town of Hungary. Szegedin, at the junction of the Theise with its tributary, the Maros, is a large and strong city, with 32,900 inhabitants, and a flourishing trade in wool and tobacco. Schemnitz, Kremnitz, and Neuschil, are the principal mining towns in Hungary. They are situated in a bold and mountainous country forming a lower ridge of the Carpathines. Schemnitz was founded in 745, and has a population of 17,028 inhabitants,

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one half of whom are employed in the mines. Kremnitz and Neusohl have each about 5000 inhabitants, the majority of whom are also employed in mining operations. Rasb, or Gyoi, at the confluence of the Rasb and the Danube, contains 13,500 inhabitants. Kaschau, in the north-east part of Hungary, near the Carpathian Mountains, contains 13,600 inhabitants. Temeswar, on the Vega and Temesch, is finely built and strongly fortified. Population, 13,000. Tokay, a small town of 3500 inhabitants, situated on the Theiss, is celebrated for its wine, being esteemed the best in Hungary. The prime Tokay, or Tokay Ausbruch, as it is termed, sells in Vienna at the rate of £19 sterling per dozen.

CROATIA is a district which, though possessing a people and language of its own, has for some time been attached to Hungary, and sends deputies to the Hungarian diet. Adjoining the Illyrian frontier it is mountainous; but eastward the country declines into a level plain, traversed by the Save. Corn, cattle of small size, and tobacco of good quality, are its staples. The Croats form bodies of light horse rather distinguished in irregular warfare. Area, 3756 square miles. Population, 1,047,400. Agram is a large and strong town, on the Save, without manufactures, but with a good deal of trade, both on the river and between Hungary and the Adriatic. Population, 17,000. Warsadin and Carlstadt are smaller places, deriving some importance from being in this last line of commerce.

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SCLAVONIA is a district to the east of Croatia, and the only one bearing the name of a nation, whose colonies and language are so widely diffused. It enjoys a mild climate and fertile territory, yet more than half of its surface is covered with wood, and the rest is by no means cultivated to the extent of which it is capable, containing only 315,000 inhabitants. Its political relations are in many respects the same as those of Croatia; its products and trade similar, and it is equally destitute of manufacturing industry. Posega is accounted the capital; but Eszek, a strong place on the Drave, near its junction with the Danube, is of more importance.

Transylvania, meaning the country beyond the Carpathian hill forests, is a very elevated territory. The Carpathians, which inclose it in the form of a half moon, present summits of 7000 or 8000 feet. Notwithstanding its rugged surface, Transylvania has a mild climate, and is well cultivated. Its produce in grain is reckoned at about 17,000,000 bushels. Cattle form a principal staple. Wine is produced in abundance, but, as it does not keep, it is not are object of trade. Transylvania is rich in minerals, particularly gold, also fron. It might supply the whole empire with salt; and sends, in fact, 25,000 tons into Hungary. There are no manufactures except the most common fabrics. The people consist almost entirely of strangers, who have emigrated from the neighbouring and distant countries. Magyars, Saxons, and Wallachians, with other amall sects, make up a population of 2,056,900. The Protestants predominate in Transylvania; amounting to 348,000, with 40,000 Unitarians; while the Catholics are 110,000, and the Greeks 150,000. These, it is presumed, are heads of families, as otherwise they would not nearly compose the amount of the population.

Hermanstadt, the capital, is surrounded with a double wall, and contains 18,337 inhabitants, an extensive Lutheran seminary, two public libraries comprising 20,000 volumes, a picture-gallery, and a national museum. Cronstadt, on the most eastern frontier, is a still larger place, containing 36,000 inhabitants, with various little manufactures, and enjoying very extensive intercourse with Turkey and Greece, to the amount of £1,000,000 sterling. Clausenburg, near the western frontier, is a large open town, containing three seminaries, Catholic, Lutheran, and Unitarian, attended by about 1200 students. Carlsburg is a smaller town, defended by a strong castle on a hill above the Maros. Population, 11,300.

THE MILITARY FRONTIER is a long range of territory, appropriated from the southern border of Croatia, Sclavonia, Hungary, and Transylvania, and placed under a peculiar régime, in the view of forming a barrier upon this side against the inroads of the Turks. For this purpose it is placed under a system completely feudal, all the lands being held under the condition that their occupants take the

field in person whenever they may be called upon. Each individual receives a certain number of acres, which cannot be sold, pledged, or dismembered, though it may be exchanged for another of equal amount. That his fields may not suffer when he is called out, the inhabitants are divided into families of about sixty, at the head of whom is a directing patriarch, and among whom the culture and produce of the land is in common, each family, according to the number that it has sent out, and their length of service, having allowances or remission of tax of twelve guilders a head. The country is divided, not into provinces, but into generalats and regiments; the Carlstadt regiment, the Gradiska regiment, &c. The whole population of the Military Frontier is about 1,000,000, with a force of 50,000 men in actual service. Of late, its chief use has been to form a cordon for preventing the irruption of the plague. This frontier partakes physically and morally of the peculiarities of all the countries and all the people from which it is severed. The industry is chiefly pastoral, not much more than a fourth of the lands being under the plough. The cities are called Free Military Communities; but none of them contains 10,000 inhabitants. Semlin, in the Sclavonic frontier, is the largest. Peterwaradin, Brod, and Gradiska, are strongly fortified little towns.

Dalmatia is the rudest province of the Austrian monarchy. It forms a line of coast, about 300 miles in extent, from the border of Illyria to the Gulf of Cattaro, having a long chain of islands running parallel. This coast is bleak and arid, covered with woods and bushes; till, in the interior, it rises into long ranges of bleak and rocky summits. Dalmatia produces scarcely any grain; but its cattle, though small, are numerous: honey is produced in great perfection from the numerous aromatic plants on its hills; the fishery employs 6000 men, and is supposed to produce in value nearly 80,000l. The population consists of Morlachians (sometimes called also Dalmatians), and Montenegrins, both of Sclavonic race, and a mixture of Italians. Population, 382,285. Zara, the capital, is a little town, on a promontory of land, severed from the continent by so deep an abyse, that there is no communication unless by a bridge. Spalatro is a larger town, on a little peninsula, strong by art and nature. It contains a number of large old houses, forming narrow and irregular streets; but it is chiefly distinguished by the remains of the superb palace of Diocletian, one of the grandest monuments of ancient architecture. Pola, once a great and splendid city, is reduced to a village, but still contains a most magnificent amphitheatre, in high preservation, one of the most celebrated remains of Roman antiquity. Sebenico, Ragusa, and Cattaro, are tolerable seaports, with good harbours; and the latter, on the Turkish border, is an important military position.

GALICIA, OR AUSTRIAN POLAND.

The portion of Poland annexed to Austria is erected into a kingdom, under the titles of Galicia and Lodomeria. Its surface is considerably distinguished from that flat marshy level which covers almost the whole of Poland. A great part of it is situated upon the slone of the Carpathian chain, which separates it from Hungary. The country is of various character. A considerable part consists of mountain forest, the elevations of which, do not, however, rise to more than 4000 or 5000 feet. Many of the plains are sandy; but the greater portion, diversified by gentle hills, is of the most exuberant fertility; and, notwithstanding its imperfect cultivation, forms a sort of granary of the surrounding countries.

The different branches of industry are in a less advanced state in Galicia than in any other part even of Poland. The peasantry are no longer in the legal condition of serie; but the general poverty, sluggishness, and apathy, which prevail among this order, render them nearly as much as ever enthralled to their landlords, and strangers to every kind of improvement. Still the produce of corn on these fine plains is very considerable.

Manufactures, even of the coarsest and most necessary articles, are almost unknown to the native Galician, who follows nothing but his plough and his horse, and leaves the care of clothing him to the Jews, who have multiplied in this kingdom more than in any other part even of Poland. They exceed 200,000. The mineral kingdom affords one branch of industry in which Galicia excels

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every other part of Europe, and of the world itself. The whole soil at a certain depth contains a mineral layer variously impregnated with salt. The two grand works are at Bochnia and Wieliczca, the former of which produces the finest salt; but the latter are the most extensive of any in Peland, or, indeed, perhaps in the world. These two great salt mines produce annually upwards of 800,000 cwt.; besides which there are twenty-six on a smaller scale, yielding about 900,000 cwt. The commerce of Galicia is necessarily inland. Occupying, however, the heads of the Dniester and the Vistula, it sends a considerable quantity of commodities

down those rivers. It has also a great inland carrying trade. The exports consist of grain, salt, some wood, and honey; in exchange for which are received manufactured goods of every description, and exotic luxuries of every denomination.

The social state of Galicia presents an aspect less altered from the feudal system and habits, than that of almost any other European region. The nobles amounted, in 1817, to the enormous number of 31,006; some of them possessing immense property, though, in consequence of trusting the management of their affairs to stewards, they are generally embarrassed. Knowledge is in a most defective state; and the few institutions which exist for its diffusion have been introduced by the Austrians. They have made great exertions to improve the university at Lemberg, which has twenty-six professors, and a good library. The inhabitants of the eastern part of the kingdom are of Russian origin: they speak a language compounded of the Russian and Polish; they are more industrious than the Poles, and employ themselves in the fabrication of coarse linen. A considerable number of Wallachians, of Magyars, the prevailing people in Hungary, and Germans to the number of 72,000, have found their way into Galicia. Population, in 1837, 4,599,631.

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The cities and towns in this part of Poland are neither very ample nor elegant. Lemberg, however, though its interior streets be narrow and old-fashioned, has four handsome suburbs. In 1837, it contained 54,965 inhabitants. The frontier town of Brody contains from 20,000 to 25,000 inhabitants, of whom more than a third are Jews. The other towns contain only about 5000 or 6000 inhabitants. Sambor and Drohobitz, on the Dniester, have some manufactures and trade, chiefly carried on by the Jews. Tarnopol, farther to the north, is tolerably flourishing. Stanislaus, in the south, is a handsome town, which the Austrians propose to convert into an important fortress. Bochnia and Wielicza, entirely supported by the

salt mines, contain each about 6000 inhabitants.

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PRUSSIA was first erected into a kingdom in 1701, and has at different times acquired large accessions of territory, and, from a small and feeble State, has become one of the most powerful monarchies of Europe. The different parts of the kingdom are so various and detached, that it is difficult to connect them under any general view. The two great political divisions are, 1st, Prussia Proper, her original territory, and the Grand Duchy of Posen, formerly belonging to Poland: 2d, The German provinces of Brandenburg, Pomerania, Silesia, Saxony, Westphalia, and the Rhine: the two last form a detached western portion, separated from the rest by the dominions of Hanover, Hesse, and Saxony. Prussia has also in Switzerland the small principality of Neufchatel. The eastern division of Prussia contains 87,169, and the western 18,271 square miles; total, 105,440. The population of this kingdom was, in 1740, 3,000,000; in 1790, 6,000,000; in 1832, 13,842,000; in 1837, 13,943,060; and in 1845, 14,500,000.

A level surface predominates throughout the Prussian States; the country abounds in marshes, lakes, and rivers of slow current. The great mountain tracts, the Hartz, in Saxony, and the Riesengebirge, a branch of the Sudetic chain, in Silesia, are near the outskirts of the kingdom.

Prussia is a favoured country with regard to water communication in its intorior. The Baltic forms a number of bays, or rather lakes, along its coast; as the Frische, Curische, Putzig, and Stettin Hafs; and there is a succession of navigable rivers, viz., Niemen, Pregel, Virtula, Oder, Elbe, Weser, and Rhine. Some of the tributary streams are the Wartha, Neisse, Saule, Havel, Moselle, Roer, and Lippe. There are several useful canals, and small lakes are numerous. The principal islands are Rugen and Usedom, in the Baltic Sca.

The soil of Prussia is not generally fertile, being often sandy and covered with heath; but it is now well tilled, and the agriculture has been greatly improved within the last 30 years. The productions are wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, fax and hemp. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine abound. Iron, copper, lead, silver, salt, coal and amber, are the chief minerals. In 1835, the amount raised was valued at \$6,300,000.

The commerce of Prussia has increased greatly since the general peace; but but the amount, owing to the free system of internal commerce now established in Germany, cannot be ascertained. The exports consist of corn, wool, timber, Westphalian hams, flax, bristles, and other raw products; with manufactures of linen, woollen, cotton and silk stuffs, iron and hardware, wooden clocks, &c. The imports are sugar, coffee, raw cotton, cotton twist, indigo, wines, &c.

The food, dress and habits of the people, differ in different provinces. Rye is the principal bread; corn and potatoes are extensively consumed; coffee is much, and tea is but little used. The consumption of heer and ardent spirits is very great, and brewing and distilling are important branches of business. In the Rhenish provinces wine is more used than in other parts of the kingdom.

The government is a hereditary monarchy, and though in theory nearly absolute, yet there is in reality much practical liberty. The king is assisted by a cabinet or ministry. There are now assemblies for each province, but their powers are limited, their debates are not public, and the results only of their proceedings are published. The religion of the royal family is the Calvinistic, but all sects are tolerated, and are on an equal footing. In 1817, the Lutherans and Calvinists of Prussia formed a union under the name of Evangelical Christians, and they constitute more than one-half of the population. The remainder comprises Catholics, laws Moravians Raptiets Unitarians &c.

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The school system of Prussia is the most complete in the world, and every exertion has been used to render it as perfect as possible. Every child between the ages of 6 and 16 must attend a public school, unless the parents or guardians satisfy the public authorities that it is receiving a suitable education at home or in a private seminary. In 1837, nearly 2,200,000 children were in the public schools; and from 500,000 to 600,000 were estimated to be privately educated. The universities are those of Berlin, Halle, Breslau, Konigsberg, Bonn and Griefswalde; and there are gymnasia at Berlin, Magdeburg, Dantzic, Konigsberg, Breslau, &c.

The annual revenue of Prussia is about \$36,000,000. The national debt is computed at \$488,000,000.

puted at \$88,400,000, part of which is redeemable every year.

Prussia is famous for the military discipline of its army. Since the yeneral peace it has been considerably reduced, and now amounts to about 122,0.0 men. The soldiers are recruited from the class of young men between twenty and twenty-five years of age, who are all liable to be called upon for three years service. The Lanc vehr consists of all the able-bodied men between 20 and 40, if not in the army, and may be called into service in the event of a war. The Landsturm comprise all above 40, and of those between 17 and 20 years of age, able to carry arms. In time of war, the duty of this class is to preserve the internal peace and security of the country. The Landswehr of the first class amounts to 328,000 men; the second, to 180,000; making the whole available force 530,000. Prussia does

not rank as a naval power, her only maritime force being a single corvette.

The German dominions of Prussia are extensive and scattered, variously acquired by successive inheritance and conquest. They consist of Brandenburg, the original basis of the monarchy; of Pomerania and Silesia; and of territories in Saxony, in Westphalia, and on the Rhine.

Brandenburg forms a great mass of territory in the eastern part of the north of Germany, bordering on Poland. It is usually called the Mark of Brandenburg, and comprises the cities of Berlin, Frankfort, and Stettin; it is neither the most fertile nor the most beautiful part of this great country. It consists of a wast plain of sand, in some places presenting a dead level, in others blown into hills of little

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Pomerania is a long line of narrow, sandy coast, lying along the Baltic. The Oder here enters that sea, forming at its mouth a large and winding haff, or hay, on the opposite side of which are the large islands of Usedom and Wollin. The soil is in many parts far from productive; yet in others, especially that which formerly belonged to Sweden, it is made by industry to yield harvests of grain the soft in the interior sample.

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Silesia is an extensive oblong tract between Bohemia and Poland. It was originally a Polish province; but German settlers have now occupied the greater part of it, and introduced industry and prosperity. From its fertility, and the industry of its inhabitants, it is considered the brightest jewel in the Prussian crown. The Oder, rising on its southern border, divides it into two nearly equal parts, of which the western is mountainous or hilly: its population is altogether German, and it is the seat of the principal manufactures; while the eastern consists, in a great measure, of flat and sandy plains, and is partly occupied by Sclavonic races. Silesia is one of the most manufacturing districts in all Germany; its linens, in particular, are considered the best in the world for pliancy, brilliant whiteness, and durability.

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Prussian Saxony forms a large extent of straggling territory, consisting of portions severed at various times and in various ways from all the neighbouring states, great and small, sometimes having fragments enclosed within them, and sometimes enclosing within itself fragments of them. Generally speaking, it may be viewed as nearly a square territory, extending on both sides of the Elbe, between Royal Saxony, Brandenburg, and Hanover. It belongs generally to the vast, wide, flat plain of northern Germany, though on its western side it borders on the Hartz and the forest of Thuringia. There are considerable sandy and marshy tracts, but upon the whole it is abundantly productive of grain, which is cultivated with particular skill and diligence.

Prussian Westphalia is also an aggregate of a number of small detached parts; but, by cessions and arrondissemens, it has been formed into a pretty compact territory, situated between Hanover and Holland, and extending from the Weser nearly to the Rhine. It extends to 8272 square miles, and its three governments of Munster, Minden, and Arensberg, contained, in 1827, a population of 1,207,712. The Lippe divides it into two parts; the northern belongs to the great plain, which is sandy and marshy, but affords some good corn-land; the southern is covered with ranges of little rocky hills branching from the Hartz, which render the soil often unfit for the plough, but it is always covered with fine wood. The stuple to which Westphalia owes its celebrity consists in its hogs, which surpass those of all the other provinces, producing the hams so much famed throughout Europe.

The Rhenish territories of Prussia formerly consisted of two provinces; one bearing the appellation of Julich-Cleve-Berg, and the other that of the Lower Rhine, which have recently been incorporated into one province, bearing the name of the Rhine. It extends along both sides of the river Rhine, and also along the lower course of the Moselle. Its greatest length is about 200 miles, and greatest breadth 60. Area, 10,070 square miles. Population, in 1837, 2,433,250, of whom three-fourths are Catholics. The principal rivers are the Rhine, Moselle, Saar, Roer, &c. The surface of the province is very various. Its eastern section north of the Moselle consists principally of volcanic mountains; and a chain of the same sort (Eyfel Gebirge) runs across the country between Malmedy and Coblentz. The debris of volcanic rocks, being particularly suitable for the growth of the vine, it is very extensively cultivated: the produce of the vines of the Rhine and the Moselle are estimated at about 700,000 eimers a year, though but little is exported. Exclusive of wine, the principal manufacturing district of Prussia, and probably of the continent, is in this province on the river Wupper, having Eiberfeld, Barmen and Solingen for its principal towns. It is well supplied with coal and water-power; and the inhabitants are alike industrious and inventive. The population of Elberfeld has increased during the present century from 11,720 to 38,162, and the progress of many of the other towns and villages in the vicinity has been

hardly less remarkable. Some of the manufacturing establishments are on a large scale, and contain all the latest improvements in machinery. Fine woollen cloths, cassimeres, fine and coarse cottons, silks, &c., hardware and cuttery, needles and pins, and tobacco, are the chief objects of manufacture. In 1837, the province of the Rhine contained 389 manufactories, with 26,145 workmen. More than two-thirds of these establishments are engaged in the woollen, cotton, silk and hardware business.

The province of Prussia forms an extensive range of sea-coast, describing a sort of semicircle of nearly 400 miles round the southern shore of the Baltic, and extending from 50 to 100 miles into the interior. The whole is a continuous and almost dead level, scarcely rising above the surface of the water on which it borders. Only in the south-east quarter appear a few sand-hills, blown together by the winds: one of them rises to 500 feet, but none of the others attain half that algorithm. A position of this province formerly beloaged to Poleval.

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Prussian industry is divided between agriculture and commerce; manufactures being yet in their infancy. The soil is in many places sandy and marshy; yet there are few parts which are not fit either for grain, flax, or hemp, and many tracts are very productive. The cattle are numerous, and the breeds in general good; that of horses, in some parts, is extremely fine.

Posen, bearing the title of grand duchy, is now the principal part of the Polish territory annexed to Prussia. It forms an extensive level plain, analogous in all its features to that which crosses the whole north of Europe. The country is finely watered, having the Vistula for its eastern boundary; while the Wartha, receiving the considerable tributaries of the Netze and the Obra, traverses it from east to west, enters Germany, and falls into the Oder at Kustrin.

Population of the provinces of Prussia in 1837:

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Brandenburg	15,480	1,694,042		Berlin.
Pomerania	12,363	970,117		Stettin.
Silesia	15,600	2,645,166		Breslau.
Saxony	8,492	1,539,353		Magdeburg.
Westphalia	8,272	1,317,541		Munster.
Rhine	10,070	2,433,250		Coblentz.
Prussia	25,115	2,125,535		Konigsberg.
Posen				
Neufchatel (in Switzerland)	340	59,448		Neufchatel.

Berlin, the capital of Prussia, stands on the river Spree, and is one of the finest cities in Europe. Its streets are generally straight and broad, adorned with spacious squares and handsome houses, built mostly of white freestone. The Linden strasse is a magnificent street, planted with linden and other twees, and its edifices comprise palaces, theatres, churches, &co., principally of an elegant and classical style of building. The royal palace is a superb structure, containing many splendid

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apartments, and the richest service of plate probably belonging to any sovereign

Berlin comprises five separate districts, one of which occupies an island formed by two branches of the Spree. The river is crossed by 40 bridges, some of which are of iron. The city is indebted for its chief embellishments to Frederic II. or Great, who is said to have expended \$400,000 annually for a number of years. This city is the centre of learning for the north of Germany. It has a university attended by about 1800 students, 6 royal gymnasia or high-schools, and 250 other seminaries of learning, with various charitable institutions. The royal library contains 160,000 volumes. Berlin has extensive manuferatories of various kinds. Its iron-castings are particularly excellent; they comprise all sorts of articles, from colossal pillars and statues down to the minutest article of a lady's toilet. Its porcelain is superior. Printing is carried on to a great extent. In 1838, the population was 290,797; houses, 14,230, averaging 20.21 individuals to a dwelling. Berlin is, therefore, one of the most densely peopled cities in Europe.

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Potsdam, on the Havel, is one of the most elegant cities in the Prussian dominions. It has a splendid royal palace, and many fine architectural embellishments. It has also a cannon foundary and manufactures of silk and velvets. Population, \$5,560. On a hill in the neighbourhood, stands the palace of Sans Souci, erected by Frederick the Great. Stettin, the capital of Pomerania, near the mouth of the Oder, has a great trade. Population, 31,100. Breslau, the capital of Silesia, stands on the Oder. It is well built, strongly fortified, and famous for its large gates. It has manufactures of linen, and an extensive internal trade. Population, 88,869. Magdeburg, the capital of Saxony, on the Elbe, is a handsome city, with a noble palace, an arsenal, and a magnificent gothic cathedral. It has manufactures of silk, woollen, cotton, linen, &c. Population, 51,347. Muneter, the capital tures of silk, woollen, cotton, lineff, &c. Population; 51,347. Munster, the capital of Westphalia, is tolerably well built; it has a college, gymnasium, and several schools. Population, 19,763. Cologne, the capital of Julich-Cleve-Berg, on the Rhine, is one of the oldest cities in Europe. It has a great number of ancient churches. The cathedral is an immense gothic pile, founded in the 13th century, but yet unfinished. The city has a decayed look. It has manufactures of silk, linen, woollen, lace, and thread, and is celebrated for its eau de Cologne, of which it exports 80,000 or 90,000 flasks. Population, 66,179. Coblentz, at the junction of the Rhine and Moselle, is a well-built city, with considerable trade and some manufactures. It has a bridge of boats over the Rhine, and one of stone over the Moselle. Population, 13,700. Posen, the capital of the duchy of Posen, on a branch of the Oder, is a compactly built town, with an university. Population. branch of the Oder, is a compactly built town, with an university. Population, 32,456. Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia, on the Pregel, is seven miles in circumference, and contains many elegant buildings, and an university of high reputation. Part of the town stands on an island in the river. It is a place of considerable trade. Population, 68,000. Dantzic, the capital of West Prussia, on the Vistula, near the southern shore of the Baltic, has a good harbour, and was once the chief town of the Hanseatic league. The houses are high and the streets crooked. It has much commerce and internal trade, exporting hemp, flax, linen, timber, potash, &c. It has a great annual fair in July and August, which lasts six weeks. Population, including the military, 56,257. Aix-la-Chapelle, once the capital of the German empire, is famous for its warm baths. Many parts of it are elegant, and it has manufactures of cloth and needles. Population, 38,383. Dusseldorf, on the Rhine, is a handsome modern city, with considerable trade and manufactures. Population, 33,107. Halle, in Saxony, is a flourishing city on the Saale. It is celebrated for its university and literary institutions. Population, 24,800. Frankfort, on the Oder, is a rich and handsome city, with an university, and three great annual fairs. Population, 23,370. Elberfeld and Barmen are nearly contiguous towns, in the valley of the Wupper. They are noted for their manufactures. Joint population, 55,745.

BAVARIA.

This kingdom is bounded north by Hesse Darmstadt, Hesse Cassel, Saxe Meiningen, Saxe-Coburg, and the kingdom of Saxony; east and south by the Austrian states, and west by Wirtemberg, Baden, and Hesse Darmstadt. It contains 30,997 square miles, and 4,338,370 inhabitants. The north-eastern limit is skirted by a chain of mountains, and another range extends across the northern part. The country is watered by the Danube and its numerous head streams: the northern part is traversed by the Mayne, and the western by the Rhine. The Lake of Constance lies partly within this territory, and there are other small lakes. Much of the soil is unproductive from its ruggedness and marshy quality. The best arable land lies along the Danube and Inn. A great part of the country is covered with forests. The mountains contain quarries of marble and mines of quicksliver. Iron and copper are also produced. Agriculture is so much neglected in Bavaria that except in very productive years the kingdom does not produce sufficient grain for its own consumption. Wine is the chief article of produce along the Rhine and Mayne. Fruit is raised in great quantities. Hops, flax, and garden vegeta-

bles, are also cultivated. There are some manufactures of woollen cloth, but this branch of industry is much less active than formerly. Tobacco is manufactured throughout the country. Fruit, salt, hides, wool, flax, hemp, saffron, and licorice, are exported. Bavaria is a constitutional monarchy. The national assembly consists of two chambers. Every citizen enjoys perfect equality in the eyes of the law. The army amounts to 43,000 men.

Munich, the capital, is seated in a plain on the Iser. It is one of the finest cities in Europe, and has been greatly improved since the general peace. Many of its edifices are very splendid. It has an university, a library of 540,000 volumes, with 300,000 engravings, and a gallery of paintings ranked among the finest in Europe. Population, 106,537. Ratisbon, on the Danube, was once an imperial city. It is built in the form of a crescent, and is strongly fortified. It has considerable commerce by the river. Population, 22,000. Augsburg was also formerly an imperial city, and was founded by the Romans in the reign of Augustus. One-fourth of the houses are built of stone, and the remainder of timber and clay. The public buildings are magnificent, and the city is one of the handsomest in Germany. Population, 35,000. Nuremburg, on the Regnitz, has large manufactures, and several churches noted for their beautiful paintings. Watches, brass, and globes, were invented in this city. Population, 44,000. Passau, at the confluence of the Inn and Danube, is an ancient town, strongly fortified. Population, 9,000. Bamberg, on the Regnitz, is a fine city, with a magnificent castle. Population, 21,000. Wurtzburg, on the Mayne, has a large trade in wine. Population, 93,500.

SAXONY.

This kingdom is bounded north and north-east by Prussia, south and south-east by Austria, south-west by Bavaria, west by Reus and Altenberg, and north-west by Prussia. It contains 7200 square miles, and 1,665,590 inhabitants. It is watered by the Elbe, Muldawa, and many other small streams, which flow through beautiful valleys, forming landscapes of the most charming appearance. The soil in the valleys and level parts is fertile. The vegetable products are similar to those of the other parts of northern Germany. Saxony has lost its principal agricultural provinces, and little is raised in the kingdom except corn. Manufactures are active, and employ three-fifths of the population. The wool trade of Saxony centres at Leipzig. Trade is flourishing and is much facilitated by the Elbe and its tributaries. Saxony is a constitutional monarchy. The army amounts to about 10,000 men. The electorate of Saxony was raised to a kingdom in 1806, and formed a part of the Rhenish confederation. The limits of the country were much

reduced by the Congress of Vienna, in 1815.

Dresden, the capital, stands on the Elbe. It is elegantly built; the houses are all of freestone, and nearly all of the same height. It has numerous palaces and public buildings, beautiful in architecture, and magnificently furnished. Dresden is called the German Florence: it has a gallery of 1184 paintings, the finest north of the Alps; many establishments for the fine arts and for education; a royal library with about 250,000 volumes, and three other public libraries. The city is strongly fortified. Population, 69,500. Leipzig is one of the most important cities in Germany. It stands in a plain watered by the Pleisse, the Elster, and the Partha. The city is well built and surrounded by spacious and handsome suburbs, between which and the town is an elegant walk of lime trees. The streets are clean and commodious, and the houses are mostly very high. Here are held, yearly, three great fairs, one at new-year, one at Easter, and one at Michaelmas. At some of them, 20,000 dealers have been assembled. The books sold annually are valued at \$3,000,000, and other commodities at \$18,000,000. All sorts of manufactures are carried on here; in particular, those of gold, silver, silk, woollen, and linen yarn. Leipzig has been the scene of many sieges and hattles; the two most memorable are the victory gained by Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, over the Austrians, in 1641, and that of the allies, over Napoleon, in 1813. Population, 47,514. Chemnitz has large manufactures of cotton and woollen cloth,

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This kingdom is bounded north by the German Ocean and Oldenburg; east by Holstein, Mecklenburg, Prussia, and Brunswick; south by Prussia, Hesse, and Lippe, and west by Holand. It contains 14,720 square miles, and 1,737,500 inhabitants. The Hartz Mountains occupy e portion of territory in the south, detached from the main body of the kingdom; otherwise the whole country is an immense plain, diversified here and there by sand-hills, sterile heaths, and moors. The sandy soil is interspersed with blocks of granite. The Elbe washes the north-eastern boundary, and the Weser, Leine, Aller, and Ilmenau, water different parts of the country. There are many shallow lakes, and on the coast is a wide bay formed by the bursting in of the sea, in 1277, when above 50 villages were destroyed. The mineral products are numerous. Gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, cobalt, zinc, marble, slate, limestone, coal, manganese, calamine, vitriol, and sulphur, are produced here. The mines of the Hartz are rich in silver, and afford annually 1,172,733 dollars. The lead mine of Caroline produces yearly 194,000 dollars. The salt springs are also productive. This country does not produce sufficient grain for its own subsistence, and in some parts the land is so poor, that 6000 of the inhabitants leave the country annually for Holland, in quest of employment. The articles of cultivation are various sorts of grain, hops, flax, and garden vegetables. In the sandy soil potatoes are raised. On the heaths of Luneberg considerable numbers of bees are reared. The manufactures consist of linens from flax, coarse damasks, yarn, silver plate, gold and silver lace, jewelry, amber, saddlery. The internal trade is assist by four annual fairs at Hanover, and two at Osnaburg, where are sold the cor modities purchased at the fairs of Brunswick, Leipzig, and Frankfort. The chief exports are horses, cattle, wax, lead, linens, leather, salt, oats, barley, thread, iron, copper, peat, and timber.

Hanover is a constitutional monarchy, and has a general assembly consisting of two chambers. From the year 1814 until 1837, this kingdom was ruled by a Governor-General, appointed by the king of England; but on the death of William IV. the crown devolved on Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, his eldest brother, and fourth son of the late George III. The army amounts to 20,501 men. There are ten garrison towns; a cannon foundry at Hanover; and a manufactory of small arms at Herzberg.

Hanover, the capital, stands on the Leine, in the midst of a sandy plain. It is built in the form of a half-moon, and has several handsome streets. The houses are generally of brick and timber in alternate layers, and resemble in appearance the stern of a ship of the 16th century. The date of their erection is always marked upon them. In those of 1565, each story projects over the one below it, and all are embellished with confused mixtures of medallions, Pagan deities, warriors, and verses from the Psalms. The electoral palace is an elegant structure of hewn stone. The public library has 80,000 volumes. The environs of the city are very pleasant. Population, 24,000. Gottingen, on the Leine, is famous for its university, which has one of the best libraries in Europe, containing more than 300,000 volumes. The town stands in a valley, and is surrounded with gardens. Population, 10,900. Emden, at the mouth of the Ems, is the chief seaport of the kingdom. Its commerce, though smaller than formerly, is still very active. Population, 12,000. Osnaburg, on a branch of the Ems, is a considerable seaport, famous for the manufacture of coarse linen called Osnaburgs. Population, 11,500. Luneburg, on the Ilmenau, has an ancient castle, and considerable trade in salt and lime. Population, 11,800.

KINGDOM OF WIRTEMBERG.

This kingdom is bounded north-east, east, and south-east, by Bavaria.; south by the Lake of Constance; south-west, west, north-west, and north, by Baden. It contains 7500 square miles, and 1,646,780 inhabitants. It is traversed by several ridges of mountains. It is watered by the Neckar and Danube, with their several head streams. The climate is mild and healthful, but in the more elevated parts the winters are severe. The soil is very fertile. The minerals are silver, coper, iron, cobalt, sulphur, coal, limestone, alabaster, agate, &c. Warm baths and medicinal springs are numerous, and those of Heilbron are particularly celebrated.

This kingdom produces great supplies of grain, chiefly spelt; for rye and wheat are little cultivated. Flax and hemp are raised, and the mountains are covered with vines which produces a rich and wholesome wine called Neckar. Cherries are cultivated extensively in some parts, for manufacturing the strong liquor called Kirschwasser. Fruit-trees are abundant: cider and perry are made in great quantities. A singular, yet considerable branch of industry, is the feeding of snails; millions of which are fattened in the neighbourhood of Ulm during the autumn, and exported to Vienna and Italy. The manufactures are not numerous; but some cloth and lace are made in a few of the towns; and there are many large distilleries and oil-mills. The exports are cattle, corn, wood, ta", potash, salt, oil, a few manufactured goods, wooden clocks, and toys.

Wirtemberg is a constitutional monarchy. The legislative buly consists of two chambers, one of the nobility, and the other electoral. The army amounts to 19,500 men. Revenue about \$3,840,000 annually.

19,500 men. Revenue about \$3,840,000 annually. Stuttgard, the capital, is situated near the Neckar. It is indifferently built, but contains a magnificent royal palace; an academy for painting, sculpture, and architecture; a large opera-house and theatre. It is surrounded by a wall, flanked with towers. The suburbs are large and handsome. The seminaries of learning are numerous and respectable: the royal library has 180,000 volumes. The inhabitants manufacture silks, hosiery, and ribands. Population, 38,500. Ulm, on the Danube, at the head of navigation for large vessels, has the largest cathedral in Germany, with five spires, and an organ with 2952 pipes. It has some manufactures and some commerce by the river. Population, 14,600.

GRAND DUCHY OF BADEN.

This territory is bounded north by Hesse; east by Bavaria, Wirtemberg, and Hohenzollern; south by Switzerland, and west by France. It contains 5800 square miles, and 1,227,260 inhabitants. The whole country forms the eastern side of a valley traversed by the Rhine, and bounded on the east by the Black Forest. The Rhine washes the western limit, and some of its tributaries pass through this country. The Danube rises in the southern part. The Lake of Constance forms a part of the south-eastern boundary. The soil is good and vegetation luxuriant. There are mines of silver and iron, and quarries of freestone and marble. Mineral springs and hot baths are very numerous. In the city of Baden are above 300 hot baths, some of which are scalding hot; all of them spring out of rocks of alum, salt, and sulphur.

Corn, fruits, the vine, almonds, and chestnuts, are raised in this country; but wine is the chief product. The government is constitutional, and the sovereignty

hereditary. The army amounts to 10,000 men.

Carlsruhe, the capital, is 3 miles from the Rhine. It is one of the finest cities in Germany. All the streets diverge in straight lines from the castle in the centre. The houses are regularly built. The public library has 80,000 volumes. The gardens of the grand duke are very handsome. Population, 20,500. Mannheim, on the Rhine, is regularly built in squares, and with houses all of the same height. It has a magnificent castle, 750 feet in length, and a library of 70,000 volumes.

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A bridge of boats here crosses the Rhine. Population, 21,000. Heidelberg, on the Neckar, has been long famous for an enormous tun containing 800 hogsheads: it is now empty. Here is a fine stone bridge across the river. Population, 13,430. Freiburg has a large Catholic university and a fine Gothic minster. Population, 12,900. Baden has a pleasant neighbourhood, and is much visited for the baths already mentioned. Population, 4700. Constance, on the lake of that name, is surrounded by a rich wine district. Population, 6930.

HESSIAN STATES.

The Hessian States comprise the Electorate of Hesse Cassel, the Grand Duchy of Hesse Darmstadt, and the Landgraviate of Hesse Homburg. They are situated on both sides of the river Mayne, in several separate portions. These States have nominally a limited government, but in fact arbitrary, and are much less improved than some other parts of Germany. In Hesse Cassel, only the oldest sons of clergymen, and the sons of noblemen, counsellors, and public officers, are allowed to receive a liberal education. More attention has been paid of late to the instruction of the people, and seminaries have been established here, as in more parts of Germany, for the education of teachers. Agriculture and manufactures are principally in a low state.

HESSE CASSEL. This State is bounded north-west by Prussia, north-east by Hanover, east by Prussia, Saxe Weimar and Bavaria, south by Bavaria and Hesse Darmstadt, and west by Hesse Darmstadt. It contains 4352 square miles and 721,550 inhabitants, most of whom are Protestants. It is mountainous, and intersected by fertile valleys: many parts of the mountains are covered with woods. The rivers are the Weser, Mayne, and Lahn. Gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, alum, vitriol, sulphur, coal, marble, and alabaster, are found here, as also ealt springs and mineral waters. Mining is an important branch of industry.

The agricultural productions are corn, fruit, wine, flax, and hamp. There are few manufactures except linen. The military force is 18,000 men; of whom 2000 are in regular pay, the rest are only called out during part of the year. Hesse no longer carries on that extensive traffic of mercenary troops which formerly brought in large sums of money, and rendered the Elector, perhaps, the richest individual in Europe.

Cassel, the capital, stands on the river Fulda. It has several splendid public places and elegant buildings with a library of 70,000 volumes. Population, 31,100. Smalkalden is famous for a league concluded here in 1531. Population, 4474. Marburg has a university and a library of 70,000 volumes. Inhabitants, 8000. Hanau is a regular and handsome town near the Mayne: its manufactures are extensive. Population 15,000. Fulda, noted for its cathedral, has 10,000 inhabitants.

HESSE DARMSTADT. This Grand Duchy consists of two distinct territories lying north and south of the Mayne. The northern part is bounded north, east, and south by Hesse Cassel, south-west by Frankfort and Hesse Homburg, and west by Nassau and the Prussian provinces. The southern part is bounded north by Frankfort and Hesse Cassel, east by Bavaria, south by Baden, and west by the Prussian provinces. There are also some small districts inclosed in the counties of Waldeck and Nassau. The whole superficial extent is 4112 square miles, and the population 793,130. The country is mountainous, and is watered by the Rhine, Mayne, Nahe, Neckar, and other streams. The rearing of cattle is the chief branch of husbandry: the agricultural products are similar to those of the south of Germany. The army amounts to 8421 men. The prevailing religion is Lutheran.

Darmstadt, the capital, consists of two towns, the Old and the New, both of which are enclosed with walls. The modern part is well built; it contains a number of public buildings, and a library of 120,000 volumes. In the neighbourhood of the town is a remarkable magnetic rock. Population, 23,000.

Ments or Mayence, on the Rhine, a little below its junction with the Mayne, is pleasantly situated, but indifferently built: it has a bridge of boats over the

Rhine, a library of 90,000 volumes, a fine museum of Roman antiquities, and a large cathedral. The fortifications are of great strength and extent, and are held by the diet as one of the bulwarks of the empire. Population, 40,500.

Worms exhibits only the ruins of its former state, and is almost choked with rubbish, the fruit of successive desolating wars. It has still the remains of some fine edifices, and a good fruit and corn market. Population, 8500. Offenbach, a thriving little town, is the only place in the duchy where manufactures flourish. Population, 7600.

HESSE HOMBURG. This Landgraviate consists of several small districts. It contains 138 square miles and 23,400 inhabitants. Homburg, the chief town, has a population of 3000. The inhabitants are mostly Protestant.

SAXON STATES.

The Saxon States comprise the Grand Duchy of Saxe Weimar, and the Duchies of Saxe-Cuburg-Gotha, Saxe-Altenburg, and Saxe-Meiningen-Hilburg-hausen. The government of these States is more free than that of the Hessian territories, and education is more attended to. Agriculture and mining are conducted with much skill; and manufactures are somewhat advanced. The Prince of Saxe Weimar is distinguished as a patron of learning, and is the most liberal and popular of all the German princes, and was the first of them to give his subjects a representative constitution; and every degree of freedom is allowed to the press that the great monarchs will permit.

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The Grand Duchy of Saxe Weimar is bounded north and east by Prussia, Altenburg, and Reuss, south by the Schwartzenburg, Prussian, Cothen, Meiningen, and Bavarian dominions, and west by Hesse Cassel. It contains 1420 square miles, and 245,820 inhabitants. The chief rivers are the Saale and Werra. Grain, fruit, and flax, are cultivated. The government is a constitutional monarchy. The army consists of 2164 men. The prevailing religion is Lutheran.

Weimar, the capital, stands in a fertile valley watered by the Ilm. The city has a high literary reputation, and has been particularly distinguished as the residence of Goethe, Schiller, and other eminent writers. Weimar has a public library of 90,000 volumes, besides manuscripts, a drawing academy, and a theatre, considered one of the best in Germany. Population, 11,212.

Jens, on the Saale, stands in a pleasant spot surrounded by hills; it is a walled and well-built town, with large suburbs, and contains a ducal palace, and a university which is the chief support of the place. Population, 5817. Eisenach has considerable manufactures. Population, 9325.

SARE-COBURG-GOTHA was formed some time since by the union of the branches of Coburg and Gotha, on the extinction of the last-named branch. Gotha has for the most part a level surface, with a moderately fertile soil. The city of Gotha contains 13,847 inhabitants. It is one of the finest towns in Germany. The palace of Friedenstein resembles Windsor Castle. Saxe Coburg is a mountainous territory. It has good pasturage, and some valuable mines. Coburg, the capital, has 10,000 inhabitants. It is conjointly with Gotha the residence of the Duke.

Some of the members of this little State have risen to distinction in various parts of Europe. Leopold, now king of Belgium; Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria; the king consort of Portugal; the British duchess of Kent; and the wife of the grand duke Constantine of Russia, are all of Saxe-Coburg.

SAXE-MZININGEN-HILDBURGHAUSEN, on the Werra, is a little tract, enriched by mines of salt at Salzungen, and by some of coal, iron, and cobalt. Its principal towns are Meiningen and Hildburghausen, with about 5000 inhabitants each.

The little duchy of SAXE-ALTENBURG consists of two detached portions, separated from each other by the territories of Saxe-Weimar and the Reuss princes. The capital, Altenburg, is a considerable town with 12,700 inhabitants.

MECKLENBURG is a territory of the most northerly part of Germany, north-east of Hanover. It consists to a great extent of lake and forest; and the cultivation

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is comparatively rude; yet a variety of gentle hills gives it a picturesque aspect. It is divided into the two grand duchies of Schwerin and Strelits; the former is much the more extensive, and Schwerin is the capital. It has a handsome palace, and contains a population of 13,000 souls. Rostock is a larger town, with 18,000 inhabitants, situated on the Baltic, and exporting grain to the value of from 150,0000. to 300,000. Wismar, on the Baltic, has a good harbour and considerable trade. Population, 11,000.

MECELERBURG STRELITZ is a small State. It consists of the duchy of Stargard and the principality of Ratzeburg. Population, in 1840, 89,528. Its capital, New Strelitz, is little more than a large village, but it has given two queens to Britain.

The Duchy of Baunawick is rather a productive territory, situated partly on the declivities of the Hartz, partly on the plain of Saxony. The city of Brunswick is larger than in proportion to the State, containing a population of about 33,340. It is a considerable seat of the inland trade of Germany, its fairs ranking next to those of Frankfort and Leipzig. The government was nearly absolute till very lately, when the people, by a violent change of dynasty, effected for themselves a representative constitution. Population, 269,000.

The Grand Duchy of Oldersune is distinguished by the high rank of its princes, connected by family alliances with all the great powers of the north, particularly Russia. The duke has possessions in different parts of the north of Germany; but the main part of them is situated on the Weser, to the west of Hanover; a flat, marshy district, but abounding in rich pastures, and somewhat resembling Holland. The capital, Oldenburg, has 5564 inhabitants. Population, 264,678; area, 2752 square miles; government, absolute. Army, 2829 men.

Nassau is a duchy which, by the union of the territories held by several branches of the same family, has attained to some tolerable magnitude. Situated in the southern part of Franconia, forming a hilly country on the banks of the Rhine and the Mayne, it produces those valuable wines, Hockheim or Hock, and Bleschert, which distinguish this part of Germany: it does not contain, however, any towns of importance. Wiesbaden, the capital, much visited on account of its 15 warm springs, has a population of 8000. At Niederselters, two million bottles are annually filled with the celebrated Seltzer water. Langenschwalbach and Schlangenbad are equally noted for their mineral springs; and Hockheim, Rudesheim, Johannisberg, and Asmannshausen, for their fine wine. Population, 387,570; area, 3164 square railes; army, 3098 men.

The Duchies of Annalt, on the Elbe, between Saxony and Brandenburg, have a population of 136,000, divided between the three branches of Descus, Bernburg, and Cathen. The family is ancient, and has produced some men of eminence.

THE GERMAN PRINCIPALITIES are 10 small States, most of which are contiguous to, or enclosed by the dominions of Prussia. They are Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, Schwartzburg-Sondershausen, Reuss-Greitz, Reuss-Schleitz, Lippe-Deimold, Lippe-Schauenburg, Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, Hohenzollern-Hechingen, Waldeck, and Leichtenstein.

Sommarished belongs to a very ancient house, and is divided into the two branches of Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, and Schwartzburg-Sondershausen, containing between them 121,940 subjects, of which the first has 66,130, and the other 55,810. The territories are detached from each other, and about 35 miles apart, Rudolstadt being very nearly surrounded by the Saxon States, and Sondershausen entirely enclosed by the province of Prussian Saxony. The territory of Ruuss is divided between Reuss-Greitz, and Reuss-Schleitz, the elder and younger lines: the former has 31,500 subjects, and the latter, which is subdivided into the several branches of Reuss-Schleitz, Reuss-Lobenstein-Ebersdorf, and Reuss-Koestritz, has 72,050. This family dates its origin from the year 950. Their principal town is Gera, called in Germany Little Leipzig, on account of its trade, which is considerable. Lippe-Detector and Lippe-Schauenburg are situated to the south of Hanover; the one hilly and wooded, the other flat and fertile.

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a former prince of Lippe-Schauenburg made a distinguished figure in the service of Portugal. Their subjects amount to 155,020. There are two princes of Hohrnschlern, Sigmaringen and Heckingen, having between them 63,190 people. They are situated between Baden and Wirtemberg. Waldbox-Pyramort, composed of two hilly counties between Hesse and Hanover, derives almost its sole importance from the mineral baths of Pyrmont, which are among the most calebrated in Europe. Population, 56,480; area, 459 square miles.

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LIECHSTENSTEIN borders on Switzerland and the Tyrol. It contains 51 square miles, and 6520 inhabitants. Vaduts is the capital. The government is constitutional, and the inhabitants are Catholics. The Lilliputian lordship of Kniphausen was recognised as an independent State, by an Act of the diet, in 1826. It is situated within the territories of the Duke of Oldenburg. Population, 2982; area, 17 square miles.

The four free cities of Germany, Hamburg, Lubeck, Bremen, and Frankfort, form still an interesting feature. They are the sole remnant of the Hanse Towns and imperial cities; illustrious confederacies, which, during the middle ages, acted a most conspicuous part in European affairs. The members of the congress of Vienna, though little friendly to any thing republican, considered these so fully established, and so venerable by antiquity, that they sanctioned them as a part of the Germanic body.

Hamburg is the most important commercial city of Germany. It forms the commercial emporium of Saxony, Bohemia, and other fertile and industrious regions watered by the Elbe and its tributaries. The commerce of this city was almost annihilated during the wars of the French Revolution, and by the operation of the continental system of Napoleon. Since that time she has greatly revived; though her previous losses, and the depression generally affecting the commercial interests of Europe, have prevented her from regaining all her former importance. In 1839, 3233 vessels entered the port of Hamburg. About 3000 vessels a year arrive at Hamburg, down the Elbe, from the interior. The leading articles of importation, in the same year, were coffee, sugar, tobacco, woollen, cotton twist, raw cotton, and tea. The total exportation from Britain to the Hanse Towns, most of which goes to Hamburg, is from £7,500,000, to £9,000,000 annually; from the United States 2,300,000 dollars. The manufactures of Hamburg are various; the most considerable is the refinery of sugar, which has somewhat declined in importance aince the beginning of the century.

Hamburg is not a well-built town; the streets being in general narrow and irregular, the houses constructed of brick or wood. The churches of St. Michael's and St. Peter's have elegant spires, and the new exchange is handsome; but there is no edifice distinguished for its splendour. A great fire occurred here May 5th, 6th and 7th, 1842, which consumed more than 2000 houses; the property destroyed amounted, in value, to \$30,000,000; 40 persons were killed, and 120 wounded. The population of the city is 128,000; that of the whole territory 153,500.

LUBECK, as a Hange town, rose to distinction as early as Hamburg, and possessed even a pre-eminence; the maritime law by which the concerns of that great confederacy were regulated having derived its name from this city. Its situation, however, within the Baltic, and not commanding the navigation of any great river rendered it impossible for it to compete with the high prosperity to which Hamburg Has, in modern times, attained. Its commerce is impeded by the small depth of water in the Trave, upon which it is situated, and which obliges vessels drawing more than ten feet to stop at Travemunde. Its commerce consists in the export of the grain abundantly produced in the surrounding countries; for whose use it imports wine, colonial produce, and manufactured articles. Steamboats ply on the Trave, between Lubeck and Travemunde. Lubeck, for an old town, is well built of stone. It has 26,000 inhabitants. Population of the State, 47,200.

Bremen, at the mouth of the Weser, is enriched by the commerce of that important river, down which are brought the productions of interior Germany. The city is situated on both sides of the river, and has 42,000 inhabitants. The

old town consists of narrow streets, bordered by high gloomy houses, built in the fashion of the middle ages: but there is a new town, in a much more elegant style. The government, which once approached to an oligarchy, is now almost purely democratic. In 1837, there entered Bremen 1699 vessels. The chief imports were tobacco, coffee, sugar, cotton, wine, and grain. Area of the State 72 square miles. Population, in 1838, 57,800.

FRANKFORT on the Mayne, the seat of the Germanic Diet, stands on both sides of the Mayne, and is one of the most important trading towns in Germany. has two annual fairs, in March and September, which draw hither above 1500 has two annual fairs, in March and September, which draw hither above 1500 merchants from every country of Europe. The chief articles of traffic are cottons, woollens, and hooks. The city was once strongly fortified, but the defences have been converted into public walks. The buildings are indifferent. The whole territory of Frankfort comprises 113 square miles, and 64,570 inhabitants, most of whom belong to the city. The government is republican, and the inhabitants mostly Protestants. The city, in 1838, contained 54,822 inhabitants.

SWITZERLAND.

SWITZERLAND is a mountainous territory in the centre of Europe, occupying the north and west of the great range of the Alps which divides France and Germany from Italy. It is remarkable for the grandeur of its natural features and scenery, and for the freedom of its political institutions. This territory forms a confederacy composed of 22 cantons, each of which is an independent epublic; but, for mutual security, they are united together, and governed by a general diet, and are known as the Helvetic Confederacy or Helvetic Republic. Switzerland is bounded north by the grand duchy of Baden and the kingdom of Wirtemberg; east by the Austrian province of Tyrol; south by the Sardinian and the Lombardo Venetian states, and west by France. Its length from east to west is 200 miles; its breadth from north to south, 130; and its superficial extent has been estimated by some at 15,000 square miles. Two distinct ranges of mountains traverse this

The chain of the Jura stretches from south-west to north-east. The Alps form a more extensive chain, and run nearly parallel to the Jura, with numerous branches known among geographers by the names of the Pennine, Lepontine, and Rhætian Alps. These mountains cover a great part of the country, and exhibit inaccessible peaks covered with snow; eternal and boundless wastes of ice;

valleys surrounded by immense precipices; in contrast with weoded and undu-lating slopes, vine-clad fields, and bright patches of vegetation.

Mont Blanc, the highest summit in Europe, overlooks the vale of Chamouni in Savoy; a district not comprised within the political limits of Switzerland, but which pertains to it in a geographical character. This mountain is 15,814 feet in height: it is capped with eternal snow, and the approach to the top is so full of difficulty and hazard that it has never been ascended except in four or five in

The Rhine has its three sources in the Rhætian Alps, and, passing through the ake of Constance, flows to the westward until it reaches Basle. The Rhone is Lake of Constance, flows to the westward until it reaches Basle. formed by different streams from Mounts Grimsel and Farca, and flows into the Lake of Geneva. The Tesino issues from Mount Gries, and traverses Lake Maggiore in Italy. The Inn rises in the Grisons, runs north-east, and subsequently

joins the Danube.

The Lake of Geneva, called also Leman, is 40 r. les long. It is 1230 feet above the level of the sea, and its greatest depth is about 1000 feet. of this lake are beautifully transparent, and the surrounding scenery has long been celebrated for its magnificence. The Lake of Constance is about 45 miles in length, and 15 in breadth. The Lake Lugano is at an elevation of 880 French feet above the sea. The Lake of Lucerne is above 20 miles in length, and from 8 to 10 in breadth: its greatest depth is about 600 feet, and its navigation dan-

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The general surface of Switzerland exceeds, in rugged sublimity, any other portion of Europe. Nature seems here to have formed everything on her grandest scale, and offers the most striking contrasts. Icy peaks rise into the air close upon the borders of fertile valleys; luxuriant corn-fields are surrounded by immense and dreary plains of ice; in one step the traveller passes from the everlasting snow to the freshest verdure, or from glaciers of chilling coldness to valleys from whose rocky sides the sunbeams are reflected with almost scorching power. The nature of the country presents numerous obstacles to its cultivation; but they have been, in a great measure, overcome by the industry of the inhabitants. The traces of the plough are visible on the sides of precipices apparently inaccessible; and spots which nature seemed to have doomed to eternal sterility, are crowned with vegetation. The produce of grain is generally equal to the consumption; but pasturage is the chief object of the farmer.

The chief manufactures are cotton and woollen goods, linen, silk, leather, jewelry-ware, and particularly watches. Though in the centre of Europe, Switzerland is much restricted in its commercial intercourse by the barriers of the Alps and the prohibitory systems of the neighbouring States. The chief exports are cattle, sheep, linen, lace, silks, jewelry, &c. The imports are principally corn,

flax, raw silk, cotton, spices, and various kinds of manufactured goods.

The population of Switzerland has not been ascertained by any very accurate census, but is estimated at 2,188,009. The following table exhibits the extent of the different cantons, and their population, according to an estimate formed in 1837:

Cantons.	Area in Sq	. Miles.	Population	ordinal	Capitals.
Geneva	10	0	58,666		Geneva.
Vaud	148	7	183,582		Lausanne.
Valais	203	5	75,798		Sion.
Tesino	113	4	113,923		Lugano.
Berne	363	5	407.913		Berne.
Lucerne		2	124,521		Lucerne.
Uri	_				Altorf.
Schweitz					Schweitz.
Unterwalden					Stantz.
Glarus					Glarus.
Zug		22			Zug.
Zurich			231,576		Zurich.
Friburg		05			Friburg.
Soleure		55			Soleure.
Basle		38	25 42 4		Basle.
Schaffhausen		69			Schaffhausen.
		70			
Appenzell					Appenzell. St. Gall.
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Grisons					Chur.
Aargau or Argovia		63			Aurau.
Thurgau		53			Constance.
Neufchatel	, 3	50	. 58,616		Neufchatel.

As to national character, the Swiss enjoy the reputation of being a plain, honest, brave, and simple people, among whom linger the last remnants of antique and primitive manners. Their fond attachment to their native country is conspicuous even amid the necessity which compels them to abandon it and to enter the service of the neighbouring powers. It is observed that no sooner is the Ranz des Vaches, a simple mountain air, played in their hearing, than the hardy soldiers melt into tears. An ardent love of liberty, ever since the grand epoch of their liberation, has distinguished the Swiss nation,

The religion of Switzerland is divided between the Protestant and the Catholic. Schweitz, Uri, Unterwalden, Lucerne, Zug, Friburg, Soleure, Valais, and Tesino, are Catholic: St. Gall, Appenzell, Aargau, and Grisons, are mixed. The others

may be ranked as Protestant; though even in Geneva there are 15,000 Catholics. The Protestant churches were at first strictly Calvinistic, both as to doctrine and discipline; but the Genevan church has in a great measure renounced the tenets of this school of theology. The Presbyterian form of church government, however, still prevails throughout Protestant Switzerland. The Catholic religion exhibits this peculiar feature, that, instead of being, as usual, combined with high monarchical principles, it is established among the most purely democratic of the Swiss republics. The Protestant cantons, however, are observed to be decidedly the most flourishing and industrious.

Learning, though not very general in Switzerland, has been cultivated with great ardour at Geneva and Zurich. Elementary knowledge is generally diffused; and in Zurich and Aargau the pupils in the public schools, some years ago, were to the population of those countries as one to five. Parents are required to educate their children from the age of five to that of eight; and, in case of neglect, may be punished by fine and even imprisonment. The habits of the people are substantially German, but modified, in the western cantons, by their vicinity to France.

The Helvetic diet consists of deputies from the different cantons, which meet once a year. This assembly takes cognizance of everything that concerns the foreign relations and the general defence of the country. The army of the confederacy is formed of contingents, which each canton, in proportion to its number, is obliged to furnish. It now amounts to 64,000 men; but is more properly a militia force than a standing army. Many of the Swiss have long been in the habit of serving foreign princes as stipendiary soldiers; and hence, though at tached to liberty themselves, form, in many cases, the main instrument in supporting the arbitrary power of foreign princes.

Recently, some of the Protestant and Catholic cantons have been at variance principally on account of the employment of Jesuits as teachers by the latter; and bloodshed has been the result. A corps of 5000 men from Basle and Berne attacked Lucerne; but were repulsed with the loss of three-fourths of their number.

Recent accounts state that the Diet is employed in restoring peace.

Berne is usually considered as the capital of Switzerland, but this is rather nominally than politically. It is pleasantly situated on the Aar, and is a large handsome town, partly fortified, and containing a beautiful cathedral, a college, an arsenal, and several other public edifices. Population, 20,500. Basle, one of the largest trading towns in the confederacy, is situated on the Rhine, by which it is divided into two parts, united by a bridge. It has a library of 53,000 volumes, and is the seat of a university founded in 1459. Population, 24,321. Geneva stands at the western extremity of the lake of that name, and is divided by the Rhone into two parts. It has some manufactures of woollen cloths, cutlery, firearms, printing-types, &c., and particularly watches, mostly of gold, of which 70,000 are made annually. Population, 20,000. The noted John Calvin resided in Geneva during the middle of the 16th century. Zurich stands on the lake of the same name, upon both sides of the river Limmath. It is distinguished for its college and public library, and has flourishing manufactures of muslins, cottons, and silk handkerchiefs. Population, 11,536. Lausanne is delightfully situated on three eminences a mile north of the Lake of Geneva. It contains a Gothic cathedral of considerable magnificence. Population, 14,126. Lucerne, on the lake of the same name, occupies a gentle eminence, and is surrounded by a wall and towers. Among its curiosities is the model of Switzerland, executed in relief by the late General Pfyffer. Population, 7000.

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ITALY is an extensive region in the south of Europe: it is one of the finest in the world, as to soil and climate, and noted as the theatre of many of the most remarkable events in history. It is now in a state of decline, but is filled with grand monuments and scenes, calculated to awaken the most lofty recollections. This portion of the European continent forms a large peninsula, bounded on the north by Germany and Switzerland, east, by part of Austria and the Adri-

atic Sea, south and south-west, by the Mediterranean, and on the west, in the northern parts, by France: its length is estimated at 700 miles; its breadth is very unequal; on the north, along the Alps, about 350; in the central parts, about 140; and at the extremity of Calabria, only 75 miles. The whole extent may be reckoned at 127,000 square miles, including Sicily and Sardinia.

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ice. 1 meet The surface of Italy is the most finely diversified of any country in the world; it has the loftiest mountains and the most beautiful plains in Europe. The Alps extend along the whole of her northern frontier, and some of their proudest pinacles, Mount Blanc, St. Bernard, &c., are within the Italian territory, and their white summits are seen amid the clouds in continuous grandeur, along the whole extent of the plains of Lombardy. The Appenines are a chain purely Italian, ranging through the peninsula from north to south; it does not aspire to the awful height, or wrap itself in the perpetual snows of the Alps. Its highest pinnacles do not rise much above 9500 feet.

The plains of Italy are as remarkable for their extreme beauty as the mountains for their grandeur. The most extensive is that of Lombardy, between the Alps and the Appenines, which, being profusely watered, highly cultivated, and under a genial climate, is perhaps the richest and most productive region in Europe.

The rivers of Italy scarcely correspond to their fame, or to the lofty and classic recollections attached to their names. The Po, with its branches in the north, is the most prominent, and flows into the Adriatic, after a course of about 400 miles. The others in the same region are much smaller in their length of course: they are the Piave, Brenta, Adige, and the Arno. The well-known Tiber, Pescara, Garigliano, and Ombrone, are in the centre; and the Votturno, Ofanto, Brandana, and Sele, in the south. The lakes are the Maggiore, Como, and Garda, in Lombardy, with Perugia and Bolsano, in the States of the Church, together with Celano, in Naples.

Italy is chiefly divided among five potentates. The Empercr of Austria, who holds Lombardy and Venice, to which may be added Parma and Piacenza, the appanage of Maria Louisa; the King of Sardinia, who has Piedmont, Savoy and Genoa; the Grand Duke of Tuscany; the Pope, temporal ruler of the States of the Church; the King of Naples and Sicily; beside these, the Duchies of Modena and Lucca, the Principality of Monaco, and the Republic of San Marino, form separate, though they hardly deserve the name of independent States.

The area in square miles, and the population of the several Italian States, are as follows:

		Population.	
Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom .	18.534	4,707,630	Milan.
Sardinia	29,534	4,650,368	Turin.
Tuscany	8,759	1,481,079	Florence.
States of the Church			
Naples or the Two Sicilies	43,059	7,956,925	Naples.
Parma	2,250	465,673	Parma.
Modena	2,145	403,000	Modena.
Lucca			
San Marino	22	7,600	San Marino.
Monaco	50	7,000	Monaco.
Total	122,352	22,577,459	

The Italians are descended from different nations, which at various times overran Italy, though they are now blended into one race. A few Greeks live on the
coast of the Adriatic; there are Germans in Lombardy, Venice, &c., and Jews
scattered over the country; but there are not probably 200,000 inhabitants who
are not Italians. The Italians are distinguished for their animated and expressive
countenances, and they have very brilliant eyes. They are generally of dark
complexions, well-formed and active. The women have black or auburn hair, and
most of the requisites for beauty. Among the inhabitants are many cripples and
deformed: for the poor in Italy suffer many hardships and privations: but smong
the lowest class, and especially at Naples, the human form is seen in its greatest
perfection, and the half-clad lazzaroni are the best models for a sculptor.

In all the States of Italy there are the usual grades of European nobility; and the individuals are more numerous than those of the same class in any other country. In some of the States of Italy all the sons of the nobility and their sons, bear the original title. Of course numbers are indigent; and many of them are known to solicit charity.

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None of the higher class in the Roman State, and few in all Italy, live in the country. All dwell in cities, and the peasants are deprived of the advantage which is always derived from the residence of the landed proprietors. All the operations of agriculture are imperfect, and all the implements rude. The very wine and oil, are often spoiled from want of skill. Agriculture is not the road to wealth; it is hardly a means of support; and the peasants are generally beggars. Rome, Naples, and the towns of the south, are infested with mendicants, whose distress is not always assumed, for in this country of fertility, many are without food.

The written language of Italy is uniform, though there are various dialects spoken in different districts, and in Savoy the more general language is the French. The Italian is founded on the Latin, which it nearly resembles, and is so sweet and liquid that it is consecrated to music in all European countries; yet though soft to a great degree, it is distinguished for force. The language is spoken with the most purity at Rome, Sienna, and Florence; but the Venotian dialect is the most musical.

The Roman Catholic religion is established throughout Italy, and nowhere else has it so many splendid accessories, addressed to the senses and the imagination. There are Protestant communities in Piedmont, which however are much restricted, " ugh generally the Italians are not intolerant, and Protestants, Greeks, and Mussulmans, may approach the Pope himrelf. The English at Rome have on the great festivals of the church a conspicuous place assigned them.

In literature and science the world is deeply indebted to Italy: first, for the

In literature and science the world is deeply indebted to Italy: first, for the classical works which she produced during her Augustan age, and then for the brilliant revival of literature under her auspices, after a long night of ignorance, In the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries, she could boast opets and historians unrivalled amongst those of any age or country; and although her literary greatness has suffered some decay, she has not ceased to produce, from time to time, men eminent in the various departments of learning. The literary collections of this region are of singular value. The library of the Vatican, if not the most extensive, is probably the most valuable in the world. The number of volumes contained in it is estimated at about 600,000, and the manuscripts, the most curious end valuable part, at 50,000. The libraries of Florence, Bologna, and Milan, though secondary to the former, contain, however, a rich store of ancient manuscripts and early printed works, formed by the munificent princes who once reigned over these cities. The fine arts, in Italy, have attained a splendour quite unrivalled in any modern country, and have ever flourished in that region as their chosen and peculiar soil.

Painting, in the sixteenth century, and in the Roman and Florentine schools, reached a height of perfection unequalled perhaps even in ancient times, in all the qualities of form, design, and expression, which constitute the highest excellence of the art: no names can yet rival those of Michael Angelo and Raphael. The sculpture of Italy, even during its happy stages, did not equal that of the ancient schools. In the present age, however, the genius of Canova has burst forth with a brilliancy which has enabled modern times, in this art, almost to rival antiquity. In architecture also, this country has no modern rival. Though some of the northern nations may have erected more huge and costly structures, none of them display the sawe high, were and classical tested.

of them display the same high, pure, and classical taste.

The collections of art, in Italy, are of a splendour surpassing even that which might be inferred from the great works produced by its artists. Of the master-pieces of the ancients, which were either saved from the desolation of the eastern empire, or dug up from the ruins of temples and palaces, by far the greater part were either found here, or brought into the country; and thus it became the grand depository alike of ancient and modern art.

In music, this region has boasted a similar pre-eminence; and for a long period, all the great composers in the highest style of art were exclusively Italians. Of late, however, Germany has come forward as a powerful rival, and has produced several composers of the first class. Yet Italy seems still to be regarded as the chief home of the musical art: hither all the students repair, and its vocal performers are considered over all Europe as superior to those of any other country.

SARDINIA.

THE Sardinian States are of a very dissimilar character, but united by political circumstances under one government. The kingdom consists of four distinct parts; Piedmont, Genoa, Savoy, and the Island of Sardinia; of which the population, in 1838, was, of Savoy, 564,137: Piedmont, 2,886,610; Genoa, 674,988; Sardinia, 524,633; total, 4,650,368.

The first three divisions, constituting the continental part of the kingdom, are bounded by Switzerland on the north, by Austrian Italy and the duchy of Parma on the east, by the Gulf of Genoa on the south, and by France on the west. It extends from 43° 44′ to 46° 20′ N. lat., and from 5° 40′ to 10° E. lon., being 200′ miles in length from north to south, and 135 in breadth.

The Island of Sardinia lies to the south of Corsica, and is separated from it by a narrow strait. It extends from 38° 50′ to 41° 14′ N. lat. It is 162 miles in length, and 70 in mean breadth. The continental dominions contain 19,725 square miles, and the island 9809: total, 29,534.

Continental Sardinia is inclosed on three sides by the Alps and the Apennines, which gives it an irregular surface, and renders the scenery more sublime, and the climate colder, than in southern Italy. On the east, it descends gradually into the beautiful plains which form the basin of the Po. In Piedmont, the soil is very fertile and well cultivated. The plains produce rice, maize, and other grains, and the hills are covered with vineyards and olive-yards. The pastures are very rich, and grazing is an important branch of their husbandry. Savoy is a rugged province, resembling Switzerland in its character, and lying among the loftiest of the Alps near Mount Blanc and Mount Cenis. The irregularity of the surface renders cultivation very difficult, and it is naturally one of the poorest countries in Europe. The Savoyards are but poorly instructed; but their industry, frugality, and sobriety, enable them to gain a comfortable subsistence. The mountainous parts give rise to a great number of small streams, which unite to form the Po. The Rhone forms part of the north-western boundary, and receives the most of those rising on the northern and western slope of the mountains. The Var forms the boundary between Nice and France, and falls into the Mediterra-nean. The Lake of Geneva borders this territory on the north, and Lago Maggiore on the north-east. There are many smaller lakes.

One of the most remarkable objects in this country is the road over Mount Cenis in Savoy. It was begun by Bonaparte, in 1803, and was completed at a cost of 7,460,000 francs. It is cut through the solid rock, and is furnished with 26 houses of refuge in the most elevated and exposed parts, so that the road is safe even in winter: these houses are provided with bells, which, during fogs, are rung from time to time to direct the traveller from one refuge to another. Between France and Savoy is another road called Les echelles; nearly two miles of it consist of a gallery or tunnel through a solid rock of limestone. This road was begun by Napoleon, but was finished by the Sardinian government.

Sardinia has considerable commerce; in 1835 the imports amounted, in value, to \$24,000,000; and the exports to about \$17,000,000. The principal articles of exportation are silk, rice, and oil. The Island of Sardinia supplies the continental States with salt, and some grain and vegetables. There are manufactures of silk at Genoa, to the amount of 1,000,000 to 1,400,000 dollars annually. This city also manufactures paper, soap, chocolate, macaroni, &c. In Piedmont are some manufactures of silk. Nice produces perfumes and scented waters. There

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are some smelting furnaces in Piedmont and Savoy. The tunny fisheries of the Island of Sardinia are said to produce 1,000,000 frances a year. The corai fishery is also a considerable source of revenue.

The king of Sardinia is an absolute hereditary monarch. The government is directed by a Supreme Council of State, a Council of Finances, a Council of Government, the Council of Savoy, the Senate of Turin, the Council of Nice, and the Council of Genoa. Justice is administered by the nobles. The army consists of 32,000 men, and the pays, of 3 ships of 54 mag, and 6 or 8 smaller vessels.

of 22,000 men, and the navy, of 2 ships of 54 guns, and 6 or 8 smaller vessels.

Public instruction is entirely in the hands of the clergy and Jesuits. Gymnasia and high-schools exist in most of the large towns, but little except Latin and scholastic theology are taught in them. The universities, of which there are none with the exception of those at Turin and Genoa, are very insignificant. It is estimated that there are not 5 individuals in 100, who can read, write, and cipher. The censorship is severe. Few foreign books, and hardly any pamphlets

or newspapers, are allowed to enter the kingdom.

The Island of Sardinia is one of the least valuable portions of the kingdom, though possessed of advantages which should render it very much the reverse. Few regions exceed it in natural fertility; the surface is finely variegated with gentle hills, which only along the western coast assume the character of mountains. Grain, notwithstanding the most wretched cultivation, affords a surplus for export. The wines are reckoned equal to those of Spain, and the olives to those of Genoa and Provence. The salt-works and the tunny-fishery are very important objects; and the situation of Sardinia, in the heart of the Mediterranean, and with a number of fine harbours, might afford the opportunity of an extensive commerce. Yet the population is in the most uncultivated and savage state, perhaps, of any in Europe. The peasantry in the interior are clothed, in a great measure, in shaggy goat or sheep-skins; they subsist chiefly by the produce of their flocks, and by hunting; and go constantly armed, for their own defence, against the numerous and desperate banditti, by whom the mountains are infested. A considerable portion of the horses, cattle, and sheep, are in a wild state. The Sardinian government is making exertions to improve the condition of the island, by the formation of roads, &c. Cagliari and Sassari are the chief towns; the former has 26,000 inhabitants; it is crowded and ill built: the latter, with 24,408 inhabitants, is more elegant. Oristagno or Oristano flourishes by the tunny fishery, the manufacture of salt, and by the culture of wine in its neighbourhood. Population, 5781.

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Turin, in Piedmont, the capital of the kingdom, is situated on the western bank of the Po, at the foot of a range of beautiful hills. It is the most regularly built of all the Italian cities, with broad, straight, and clean streets, and is admired for the symmetry of its squares, the splendour of its hotels, and the general elegance of its houses. It has 4 splendid gates, adorned with pillars and cased with marble; 110 churches, a university, and many fine palaces. The royal palace is spacious, and surrounded with delightful gardens. The outward view of the city is very imposing, and it has no mean suburbs or mouldering walls. Population, in 1838, 104,078; including the immediate territory and garrison, 123,892.

Genoa stands on the shore of a broad gulf to which it gives its name. This city spreads over a wide semicircular tract of rocks and declivities, and the aspect of its white buildings ascending in regular progression from the sea, is highly magnificent. The interior consists of streets, or rather, lanes, 8 or 10 feet wide, between immensely high palaces. When you look up, their cornices appear almost to touch across the street, leaving a strip of blue sky between. Two of the streets only are accessible to carriages. The Strada Balbi is one of the most magnificent streets in the world, and is full of splendid palaces. Genoa has a public library of 50,000 volumes, and a university. Its harbour is one of the finest in Europe, and it has a considerable trade. Population, 115,257.

Nice is beautifully situated on the Gulf of Genoa, and has a good artificial harbour. The mildness of its climate draws many invalids to this quarter. Population, 33,811. Chamberry, the chief town of Savoy, occupies a charming spot surrounded by gentle eminences covered with vineyards, pastures, and wood, but it is not a well-built place. Population, 13,000, Alessandrina, on the Tanaro,

branch of the Po, is the strongest place in the kingdom. It is well built, with broad and handsome streets. Population, 36,000. Other towns, Asti, 22,000; Coni, 10,000; Mondovi, 15,991; Vercelli, 18,353; Novarra, 18,524.

PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO.

This little State, comprising 7000 inhabitants, on 50 square miles, is situated within the Sardinian territory. The capital is Monaco, a village with 1200 inhabitants. The principality of Monaco is under the protection of the king of Sardinia. Mentore, the largest town, has a population of 3000.

THE LOMBARIAD-VENETIAN KINGDOM.

AUSTRIAN ITALY, or the LOMBARDO-VENETIAN KINGDOM, consists of the great plain of the Po, bordered, on one side, by the highest ranges of the Alps, on the other by those of the Appenines. It has not the classic sites and monuments of Rome, nor the brilliant skies of Naples; yet it would be difficult to find on the globe a territory of the same extent equally fine. The luxuriant fertility of this vast plain, the grand, almost magic, landscapes presented by the southern declivity of the Alps, and the lakes which spread at their feet; the fine shores of the Adriatic—unite in making it one of the most desirable regions in Europe. It is an

aggregate of several portions that were politically very distinct.

This kingdom occupies the eastern part of Northern Italy. They consist of two divisions: the Republic of Venice in the east, and Lombardy in the west. They are bounded north by the Tyrol and Carinthia; east by Istria, Carniola, and the Adriatic; south by the States of the Church, Modena, and Parma; and west by the Sardinian dominions. It extends from 45° to 47° N. lat.; and from 9° to 14° E. lon. Their greatest length from east to west is 220 miles, and their breadth 140 miles. It contains 18,534 square miles. Population, 4,707,630. The Powashes the southern limit of this territory. This river, denominated the Prince of the Italian streams, rises in the western Alps, on the confines of France and Italy, and passes easterly through the Sardinian States. The sand and gravel washed down from the mountains, have raised its bed in modern times to such an elevation, that in some places, banks 30 feet high are necessary to preserve the The Adige rises in the Alps of Tyrol, and flowing south, country from inundation. enters this territory, after which it turns to the east, and falls into the Adriatic; it is 200 miles in length. The Piave and several other small streams from the north flow into the Adriatic Sea. Lake Maggiore extends along the base of the Alps 27 miles: it is 3 miles in width, and 1800 feet deep. Its shores abound with Alpine beauties. East of this is the Lake of Come, 32 miles in length, and still farther east, the Lake of Garda: it is 30 miles long, and 8 miles wide. There are several other smaller lakes in the neighbourhood. All of them flow into the Po, and are highly beautiful. The climate of this region is delightful, yet the winter has some features of Alpine severity. The heats of summer are mitigated by the cool breezes from the Alps,

Lombardy is a level country, and consists entirely of an alluvial plain with one of the richest soils in the world. Near the mountains, gravel is mixed with the earth, but almost the whole tract is composed of a deep black mould. The irrigation applied to the lands in Lombardy is the most perfect in the world. The mountains which border the country afford an inexhaustible supply of water. The meadows yield six crops of hay in a year. Rice is cultivated in some parts. The grain and ordinary fruits are ripe in June or July, and the vintage takes place in October. The bee and the silkworm receive much attention, but the dairy is the property of the farmer. The fields are separated by rows of nonlars.

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The chief manufactures are silk, glass, and hardware. At Venice and Murano beautiful mirrors are made. Hardware and fire-arms are made at Brescia. Jewelry and plate are wrought at Milan and Venice. There are some manufactures

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ed in the extreme, and the censorship is very rigid.

Milan, the capital of the kingdom, and the residence of the viceroy, is a large and splendid city, 11 miles in circumference. It stands in the middle of a vast plain, on a spot without any natural advantages, yet the fine canals from the Ticino and Adda make it the centre of a considerable trade. It is considered the most elegant city in Italy, and was very much improved and beautified by Napoleon. The finest building is the Cathedral, which is inferior only to St. Peter's at Rome. It is completely built, paved, vaulted and roofed with the whitest and most resplendent marble. Most of the buildings in this city are constructed according to a regular order of architecture, and a mean-looking house is as rare here as a palace elsewhere. Here is the famous Ambrosian Library, with 95,000 volumes, and 15,000 manuscripts. The hospitals and charitable institutions are numerous. Milan was founded 584 years before Christ, by the Insubrian Gauls. In has been 40 times besieged; 40 times taken, and 4 times destroyed. It has above 200 churches, and more than 100 monastic institutions. Population, 171,268.

Venice, the capital of the renowned commercial republic of the same name, though fallen from its former splendour, is still the most picturesque city in Europe. It stands in the Adriatic Sea, 5 miles from the main land, and is built upon a multitude of islands intersected by canals instead of streets; hence carriages of any kind are unknown, and the inhabitants use boats, called gondolas, in passing from one place to another. The Grand Canal is crossed by the Rialto, a marble arch 90 feet in span. The prospect from this bridge is lively and magnificent. There are 500 other bridges. Most of the canals are narrow, and some have no quays, so that the water washes the houses. The ducal palace, and the churches of St. Mark and St. Gemignano, are rich and splendid edifices. The Square of St. Mark is 800 feet in length, and has a magnificent appearance. The traveller at evening may view this fine square in all its marble beauty, with the domes and minarets of its ancient church, the barbaric gloom of the Doge's palace, and its proud towering Campanile; he may here see the Corinthian horses, the workmanship of Lysippus, and the winged lion of the Piræus.

Venice was founded in 452, by refugees from the main land, who fled from the ravages of Atilla. In process of time it became the greatest commercial and manufacturing city in Europe, and in the middle of the fifteenth century was the wealthiest capital in Christendom, except perhaps Rome. The discovery of America destroyed the commerce of Venice; during the 16th and 17th centuries her trade and manufactures gradually declined, and by the middle of the 18th she was completely prostrated. In 1797, the "Maiden City" submitted to Bonaparte, and was then transferred to the Austrians, its present masters. In 1830, the Court of Vienna made Venice a free port, and since that time its long departed commerce has somewhat revived. It is the chief depot of the Austrian navy. Venice is an agreeable place of residence. Printing is extensively carried on. It is the chief book-store of the south, and prints for Italy in general, as well as for Greece and Germany. Population, in 1837, 97,156.

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Padua, the birthplace of Livy, has a famous university, founded by Charlemagne, and is said to have had at one time 18,000 students; in 1817, only 300. Population, 45,000. Mantua is a strong town, standing in the midst of a lake formed by the Mincio. The streets are broad and straight, and the squares spacious. Here is a monument to Virgil, and a little village in this neighbourhood was the place of his birth. Population, 26,865. Cremona stands at the confluence of the Po and the Adda. It has a splendid cathedral, and is regularly built, but the streets are grass-grown, and the place has a decayed look. Population, 28,500. Brescia, to the west of Lake Garda, has also a fine cathedral. Population, 35,000. Pavia, on the Ticino, has a university founded by Charlemagne. Population, 23,531. Lodi, on the Adda, is celebrated for a victory gained by Bonaparte over the Aus-

trians, in 1796. Population, 15,969. Verona, on the Adige, at the foot of the Alps, has a charming situation and many fire buildings. Its ancient walls and towers inclose a vast area, and have a noble appearance. The great amphitheatre at this place is one of the noblest monuments of Roman magnificence now existing. Population, 48,486. Some of the other towns are Vicenza, 20,688; Udina, 19,763; Treviso, 11,598; Belluno, 9,800; Rovigo, 5,669.

TUSCANY.

THE Duchy of Tuscany ranks next to the Roman States as the theatre of great historical events, and has surpassed Rome itself as the seat of modern learning. It is bounded north and east by the Roman States, south-west by the Mediterranean, and north-west by Lucca. It contains 8759 square miles. The chief river

neah, and north-west by Lucca. It contains 5759 square miles. The chief river is the Arno, which rises among the Apennines, and flows westerly to the sea. It is navigable, by barges, from Florence to its mouth. It supplies above 1000 canals with water. The Tiber rises the mountains of this country.

Tuscany is admired for its romantic scenery. The boldness, grandeur, and rich luxuriance of the country, are hardly anywhere equalled. The vale of the Arno is one of the most delightful regions in the world. It is abundantly rich and well contains the contains a constant of the country of cultivated. One-half of this territory consists of mountains, producing only timber: one-sixth is composed of hills covered with vineyards and olive-gardens; the remainder consists of plains. The soil on the Apennines is stony. The coast is low, sandy, and in some parts swampy. In the southern part begins that desolate region called the Maremma, the soil of which consists of white clay impregnated with sulphur. Corn, wine, and oil, are the object productions. The valley of the Arno is divided into very small farms, separated by rows of trees or small canals. The Maremma pastures great numbers of sheep and horses. Chestnuts are an important production; in some parts they are used for bread.

This Duchy is one of the most industrious districts of Italy. Silk manufactures are the principal branch of industry. Straw hats are made in great numbers, by women, in the valley of the Arno. The other manufactures are linen, broadcloth, borax, salt, soap, perfumes, letter-paper, china, marble, coral, alabaster, and mosaics.

Leghorn has a considerable commerce with the Levant, Europe, and America.

The government is an absolute monarchy. There are 6000 regular troops, besides militia. The population, in 1839, was 1,481,079. Of these, 15,000 were Jews. The chief universities are at Florence, Pisa, and Sienna. They comprise about 1800 students. In Florence there are 22,000 children in the public schools.

The Island of Elba is nine miles from the coast of Tuscany. It is 60 miles in circumference, and contains 160 square miles. It is very mountainous, and instead of wood the mountains are covered with aromatic plants and bushes. chief production is iron, taken mostly from a single mountain consisting of one immense mass of iron ore. The island contains also copper, lead and silver mines, and produces excellent wine. The chief town, Porto Ferrajo, has a good harbour, and contains 3034 inhabitants. In 1814, this island was given in entire sovereignty to Napoleon, who resided here from May, 1814, till February 26, 1815. Population, 16,865. The Island of Gorgona, near Leghorn, is famous for the fish-

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Florence, the capital, stands on the Arno, 50 miles from the sea. It is 6 miles in compass, and is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. It is built in a plain skirted by the Apennines. Antique towers and remains of fortifications, old convents, and other picturesque ruins, crown the inferior eminences around the city, and recall the remark of Ariosto, that on seeing the hills so full of palaces, it appears as if the soil produced them. The city is surrounded by walls; the buildings are magnificent, and the streets well paved and kept remarkably clean. The Via Larga, or Broadway, is full of noble palaces. Most of the other streets are narrow. The ducal palace, the cathedral, the church of Santa Croce, and many other edifices, are noted for their size and splendour. The Medicean gallery is rich in those treasures of painting and sculpture which draw to this city

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Pisa, on the Arno, near the sea, was once the capital of a republic, the rival of Genoa and Venice. It is now decayed, but can still boast some marble churches, a marble palace, and a marble bridge. Its ancient towers may be traced in the walls of modern houses. The streets are broad, and the Lung'Arno, which extends along both banks of the river, is much admired. The cathedral is a large gothic edifice of marble. Near it stands that remarkable structure, the Leaning Tower: it is 190 feet high, and overhange its base 15 feet, seeming to threaten a fall at every instant; yet it has stood four hundred years, and endured the shock of earthquakes which have overthrown many a perpendicular structure. To a spectator looking down from the top, the effect is terrific. Pisa has a university, with a library of 60,000 volumes. In the neighbourhood are celebrated baths. Population, 20,943. Leghorn is the chief scaport of Tuscany. It is a neat, well-built, and busy town, with a tolerable harbour. The streets are filled with Europeans, Turks, Jews, Armenians, Greeks, and Moors, exhibiting a most picturesque variety of costume. Works of art and architectural monuments do not exist here. The commerce of the place is very active. Population, 76,397. Sienna has a magnificent cathedral and a university. Fogulation, 18,975. Pistoja, at the foot of the Apennines, was once a republic. Population, 11,266.

DUCHY OF PARMA.

Parma, Placentia, and Guastalla, though they have been formed into a state for the ex-empress of France, form in reality a complete appendage of Lombardy, and a continuation of its great plain, to the foot of the Apennines. They abound in the richest pastures, from which is produced that most celebrated of cheesea, to which Parma gives its name. The dukes of Parma, and especially the celebrated Alexander Farnese, have ranked among the first generals of Europe. The city of Parma, on a small river of the same Lame, is large, populous, airy, and clean. It does not contain any remarkable architectural features, except the theatre, modelled on the ancient plan, and perhaps the noblest in the world, but now in a state of decay; but Parma can boast a school of painting, one of the finest and most interesting that ever existed; in which grace was the predominant feature. The chief masters were Correggio and Parmegiano, whose works in fresco adorn the walls and cupolas of the churches in Parma; and the oil pictures, which the French carried off, have now been restored. Population, 36,000. Piacenza. with 30,000 inhabitants, is also a large and well-built city; but its celebrated amphitheatre, which surpassed that of Verona, was burnt to the ground in one of the furious civil contests which laid waste Italy. The population of the duchy is about 465,673, and its area, 2240 square miles.

DUCHY OF LUCCA.

LUCCA, though an Etruscan State, is now governed by a duke of its own. It is one of the few Italian republics, which, amid the revolutions of 800 years, maintained its independence. The Lucchese reaped the benefit of this, in the superior education and more decent deportment of her nobles; in that agricultural industry, which, in a degree even beyond what appears in the rest of Italy, has converted a land liable to inundation, and destitute of many natural advantages,

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DUCHY OF MODENA.

Modera is a fine small domain, composed of a rich plain at the foot of the Apennines. It is held as a fief of Austria, and by a branch of that family, with the title of duke. The city of Modera is extremely handsome, though without any objects peculiarly striking. It has a population of 27,000 souls. It was enciched by the family of Este with splendid collections of books and paintings; but the latter have been now removed, by purchase, to adorn the Dresden gallery. The territory of Massa-Carrara, held by the archduchess Maria Bestrix, fell, on her death in 1832, to Modera. The population of the whole is 403,000 square miles, 2145.

STATES OF THE CHURCH, OR ECCLESIASTICAL STATES.

The Ecclesiastical States have lost that paramount importance which they once possessed, and are the least flourishing and powerful of all the divisions of Italy. Nevertheless, as they contain Rome, with all its stupendous monuments, and were the central theatre of all the ancient grandeur of Italy, they still excite an interest superior to that of any other of these celebrated regions.

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This territory occupies the centre of Italy. It is washed on the north-east by the Adriatic, and on the south-west by the Mediterranean. On the north it is bounded by the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom, on the south-east by the kingdom of Naples, and on the west by Modena and Tuscany. Its extreme length is 260 miles from north to south, and its breadth from 20 to 95 miles. It contains 17,572 square miles. The duchy of Benevento, and the principality of Ponte Corvo, are two small districts belonging to this territory, insulated in the kingdom of Naples.

These States are intersected by the Apennines. The mountains are as barren as those of Tuscany and Genoa, but higher. The Campagna di Roma is a continuation of the Tuscan Maremma, and is noted for its unhealthy malaria. It exhibits an undulated surface bare of trees. The Pontine marshes are in the south. The ancient Cassars and modern popes have in vain attempted to drain them.

The Tiber, though not the largest stream in Italy, is the first in classical celebrity. It rises in the Apennines, near the source of the Arno, and passes through the city of Rome to the Mediterranean: it is 150 miles in length, and has a full stream, but narrow: it is only 300 feet wide at Rome. There is no other river of importance within this territory. The northern boundary is washed by the Po

stream, but narrow: it is only 300 feet wide at Rome. There is no other river of importance within this territory. The northern boundary is washed by the Po. The Lake of Perugia, near the city of that name, is the ancient Thrasymenus, and is famous for a battle between Hannibal and the Romans. It is a beautiful sheet of water, 4 miles across, bordered with gently sloping hills everywhere covered with woods or cultivated fields, and rising at a distance into mountains. The lakes of Albano and Nemi are charmingly situated among hills. There are other small lakes.

The climate is mid, but the mountains are covered with snow from October to April. The Sirocco, or hot wind from Africa, is felt on the shore of the Mediterranean. In the mountainous parts the air is healthy, but in the Meremma on the coast, and in the neighbourhood of the Pontine marshes, are pestilential exhalations which cause fever and ague. The northern parts near the Po are also unhealthy. The soil does not differ materially from that of Tuscany. The oranges and lemons produced in the plain of Rome are the best in Italy. The lands are

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tion. Some silk is manufactured at Bologna, beside many miscellaneous articles.

Gall-nuts, cantharides, and pot-ashes are articles of exportation.

The government is an elective monarchy. The pope possesses both the legislative and executive power, and is chosen by the college of cardinals from among themselves. The number of cardinals is about 70. Constitutionally, the pope is an absolute sovereign, but in practice he is only the head of an oligarchy. Since the time of Adrian VI., who was obtruded upon the throne by Charles V., all the popes have been Italians. The revenue, in 1835, was about \$9,000,000; expenditure, \$9,500,000. The papal navy consists of one vessel, manned by 33 men. The military force, in 1840, was 14,000 men. Population, in 1833, 2,732,636.

Rome, the capital of this territory, once the capital of the world, stands on the Tiber 15 miles from the sea. It is situated on some low hills, and is 13 miles in circumference, but has much open ground, comprehending gardens, fields, and meadows. It has a sombre appearance, rendered still more striking by large squares, spacious and deserted streets, and the majestic ruins which are seen at every step. Some of the streets are of immense length; others are only half built; many are narrow and crooked. In one part, are noble palaces half hidden among miserable huts; in another part, all is gorgeous and magnificent. Other places may be more beautiful, but Rome is one of the most richly picturesque cities in the world. The hills, insignificant in themselves, seem made to display the buildings to the greatest advantage. The architecture, both ancient a d modern, is often faulty and incongruous, but always combines well with the land-scape. The spectator is dazzled with the multiplicity of objects, and decaying ruine are relieved by modern magnificence.

The church of St. Peter, built at the expense of the whole Roman world, is the glory of modern architecture. The symmetry and beauty of its proportions cause such sensations of delight, that the traveller, on leaving Rome, finds his most painful regret to be that he shall see St. Peter's no more. It is fronted by a circular colonnade surrounding an Egyptian obelisk and two magnificent fountains. This church was 111 years in building, and cost a sum equal to 160,000,000 dollars at the present day. No other church in Rome can be compared to this, yet there are many remarkable for magnificence and antiquity. The Pantheon is the most perfect edifice of ancient Rome; it is now converted into a church; its portico is unrivalled. Trajan's pillar is a fine monumental column, in good preservation. But the most wonderful monument of Roman magnificence yet remaining, is the Coliseum, an amphitheatre capable of containing 60,000 specta-tors, and in which the Roman people assembled to witness the combats of gladia-tors and wild beasts. It is now a ruin, but enough of it remains to attest its for-mer magnificence. It would be impossible to comprise within the limits of this work, even an enumeration of the objects in Rome worthy of notice for their antiquity and historical associations.

The Vatican palace is the greatest repository of ancient and modern art in existence. The whole pile of building, with gardens, comprises a circuit of some miles, and the apartments are numbered at 4142. The library is an immense collection. The Vatican is the residence of the pope in winter. Rome has 300 churches and 300 palaces. The ancient Flaminian Way is now called the Corso, and is a street nearly a mile long, dividing the city into two equal parts. This is the fashionable drive, where the better class display their equipages daily. During the carnival, a horse-race takes place here, which has given the street its modern name. The country around Rome abounds with the remains of antiquity and with villas. The city is unhealthy from the malaria in summer. Its population,

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Bologna, the next city in size to Rome, is picturesquely aituated at the base of the Apennines, in the northern part of the papal territory. It is surrounded by a high brick wall, six miles in circuit. Its curious leaning towers and antique spires, with a curious arcade leading to the church on the top of a steep hill, have a singular and striking effect upon the spectator who approaches it. The city has a venerable aspect without being ruinous, and abounds with large churches and handsome palaces. Here is a university founded by Theodosius the younger, in 425, and the oldest in Europe. The public library has 140,000 volumes. The manufactures of the city are considerable. Population, 69,000.

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Ferrara is one of the finest towns in Italy. It is regularly and superbly built, but the traveller would imagine that the inhabitants had just abandoned it. The streets are grass-grown, and all the large houses are empty. The cows pasture undisturbed upon the pavements in front of noble palaces. The city possesses few advantages of situation, but was once very populous. At present it has 23,650 inhabitants. Bavenna, near the Adriatic, had once a harbour which is now filled up. It was once the seat of the Italian Exarchs, and contains the tomb of Dante. Population, 16,000. Ancona, on the Adriatic, is a strong place, with a tolerable harbour. Population, 24,000. Civita Vecchia, a seaport on the Mediterranean, has some commerce. Population, 7111.

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO.

This little territory, the most free and virtuous of all republics, is an independent State under the protection of the Pope: it was founded by a man of low rank, and, having become a refuge for those who sought peace amid the turbulence of the feudal ages, it has remained inviolate for thirteen centuries; either respected or overlooked by the proudest and most mighty oppressors of Italy. It has still "Liberty" inscribed on the gates of its little capitol, and exemplifies, in the virtue, simplicity, and happiness of its people, the powerful influence of free institutions. The government is vested in 60 senators, 20 patricians, 20 burg. "es, and 20 peasents, chosen for life, and two gonfaloniers, chosen for three months. The arringo, or general assembly of citizens, is held once every six months. The revenue of the State amounts to \$15,000; the army consists of 60 men. The population of the capital is about 5000; four villages constitute the rest of the territory of the republic. Population of the whole, in 1838, 7600.

NAPLES.

The Kingdom of Naples, or, as it is called, The Two Siglies, is the most considerable in Italy for extent and population, in which respects it approaches to the rank of the great monarchies; but the supine and indolent character of its government almost prevents it from having any weight in the political system. This kingdom comprises all the south of Italy, with the island of Sicily, and a few small islands in the neighbourhood. The continental portion is bounded north-west by the States of the Church; north-east by the Adriatic; south-east, by the Ionian Sea, and south-west by the Mediterranean: its extreme length is about 360 miles. Its width varies from 120 to 80 miles. The island of Sicily is separated by a narrow strait from the southern extremity of Italy: its extreme length is 250 miles, and breadth about 130. The continental part contains 30,680 square miles, and the island 12,372: total, 43,052. Population of the kingdom, 7,956,925.

The ridge of the Apennines extends through the whole continental part from north to south. There are other mountains, which have no connexion with this ridge. Four volcances are comprised within the kingdom, —Vesuvius, Ætna, Stromboli, and Volcano. All the rivers in the continental part descend from the Apennines. The Garigliano, Vulturno, Silaro, and Crati, are the chief, but are small streams. There is an indescribable richness of vegetation throughout this country. Here flourish the fig-tree, the almond, the cotton-plant, and sugar-cane. Sicily is one of the most productive spots on the earth. The soil is calcareous, and its fertility is much increased by volcanic fire.

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The land is mostly the property of great landlords. In Sicily it belongs wholly to the nobility and clergy. Agriculture is badly managed, and the cultivators are poor. On the continent are produced wine, oil, silk, wheat, and maize; sheep are numerous. Sicily produces the same articles, with flax and hemp. The Sicilian wheat is very superior. Oranges, lemons, figs, and almonds, are raised in great quantities. The exports are wine, oil, fruits, silk, sulphur, grain, flax, and hemp. Formerly no Neapolitan ship ventured beyond the Straits of Gibraltar, but that is no longer the case. In 1845, the ports of New York and Boston were visited by

The sciences are in a miserable state throughout the kingdom. There are no schools for the lower classes, and the few means of instruction are in the hands of an ignorant clergy. The three universities at Naples, Palermo, and Catania, are provided with fine libraries and numerous professors, but little is taught in

them beside law and natural philosophy.

Naples is an hereditary monarchy. The king exercises both the legislative and executive power. The continental and insular parts have each a separate legislation, but these bodies have only the right of voting taxes. The army consists of 45,000 men, and the navy of two ships of the line, five frigates, and fifty small

vessels, mounting altogether 496 guns.

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean. It seems to have been separated from the continent by some violent convulsion. The strait of Messina dividing it from the continent, is 5 miles broad. This is the ancient Charybdis, although the whirlpool which rendered it such a terror to mariners, no longer exists. The mountains of this island may be regarded as a continuation of the Apennines. Mount Ætna is near the eastern shore. This celebrated volcano has thrown out flames, at intervals, for more than 2000 years. Its immense size and solitary elevation, the beauty and magnificence of the surrounding scenery, and the terrific grandeur of the convulsions to which it has been subject, have made it one of the wonders of the world. At a distance, it appears like a truncated cone. Upon a nearer approach, the traveller is astonished at the wild and grotesque appearance of the whole mountain. Scattered over the immense declivity, be beholds innumerable small conical hills gently rising from the surface to the height of 400 or 500 feet, covered with rich verdure and beautiful trees, villages, cuttered hamlets and monasteries. As his eye ascends, he discovers an immense forest of oaks and pines forming a beautiful green belt round the mountain. Above this appears the heary head of the volcano, boldly rising into the clouds, and capped with eternal snow. The crater is a hill of an exact conical figure, composed of ashes and scories. From this opening, snoke is continually ascending. The elevation of the mountain is 10,925 feet. The rivers of Sicily are mere rivulets. The heavy winter rains set the mountain torrents running, but when dry, their beds become tolerable roads. Population of the island, 1,943,366.

The Lipari Islands lie between Sicily and the continent. They are 12 in number; a part of them only are inhabited. Lipari, the principal isle, contains 112 square miles; it is mountainous, and the soil is rendered fertile by a subterranean fre. There was once a volcano here. The island of Stromboli is a volcano that burns without ceasing. Volcano constantly emits smoke. The island of Capri, in the bay of Naples, contains 10 square miles. It consists of two high rocky mountains enclosing a fertile valley. Ischia and Procida are fertile islands in the same

neighbourhood. Population of the whole group, 22,000.

Naples, the capital, is the largest city in Italy. It stands at the bottom of a bay, and with its suburbs and contiguous villages extends 6 or 8 miles along the water. On the land side it is surrounded by mountains. Nothing can surpass the beauty of the bay or the prospect of the city viewed from the water, where it appears broken into great masses, and crossed by long lines of palaces, hanging gardens, and terraced roofs; the outline upon the sez is strikingly indented, and the shipping is clustered behind the moles, castles and towers on the points of projection. The shores of the bay are covered with interesting ruins, and broken into graceful inlets. The dark towering summit of Vesuvius rises, frowning over the landscape, while its lower regions are covered with the richest vegetation,

and dotted with white country houses. The whole circuit of the bay is edged with white towns, and covered with cultivation and the abundance of nature. The magnificence of the whole scene is beyond the most gorgeous description.

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The streets of the city are straight but narrow; some are refreshed with fountains; others are decorated with statues and sculptured obelisks. The houses are high, the roofs flat, more than half the front consists of windows, and every window is faced with an iron balcony. Naples in its interior has no parallel on earth. The whole population is out of doors and in incessant motion. Every trade, occupation and amusement is here going on in the midst of a tumultuous crowd relling up and down. The number of laszerons, or vagabonds, is immense. They are idle from choice; their tatters are not misery, for the climate requires hardly any covering. Six strong castles defend the city, and an excellent mole shelters the port. The commerce is not very active. There are above 300 churches in Naples remarkable for their ornaments and rich jewelry. The nobility are numerous and are much addicted to show and parade: 100 of them have the title of Princes.

are much addicted to show and parade: 100 of them have the title of Princes. Population, in 1841, 336,302.

The environs of Naples combine almost everything grand and beautiful. Many of the towns scattered along the bay have 10 and 15,000 inhabitants. Mount Vesuvius, which forms so striking a feature in the landscape, rises in a pyramidal form in the midst of a large plain. The traveller in ascending it passes among cultivated fields and vineyards, traversed by old streams of lave, black, rough, and sterile. The ascent is gradual and extends 3 miles. On one side the mountain is cultivated nearly to the top. The conical summit is composed of ashes and cinders. The crater is about a mile in circuit, and is 3800 feet above the sea. The view from the summit is enchanting. The soil of the mountain is extremely fertile, and cultivated with the spade like a garden. The crater throws out continual smoke, and often bursts forth in terrible eruptions.

Torre del Greco, a seaport near Naples, has 13,000 inhabitants. Gaeta, on the coast, to the north of Naples, has 15,000. Lecci, in the south, is a fine city. Population, 14,806. Bari, on the Adriatic, has a good harbour and a population of 19,000.

Palermo, the capital of Sicily, stands on a small bay in the north-western part of the island. The streets are regular and wide; the housos elegant, and several of the public squares very beautiful. It has a university, and considerable commerce. Population, 140,000. Catania stands at the foot of Mount Ætna. Its streets are straight, spacious and paved with lava. It is the busiest town in Sicily, and has a university, public library, museums, academies, &c. It was founded 700 years before the christian era, and has suffered severely from eruptions of the mountain and earthquakes. Population, 52,433, Messina stands upon the strait of that name, at the north-eastern extremity of Sicily. It is regularly built, and has one of the best harbours in the Mediterranean. Its fine quay extends more than a mile along the port. It is the first commercial town in the kingdom, and its trade extends to the North of Europe and America. It was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1783, but has been rebuilt. Population, 83,772, Syracuse, on the eastern coast of the island, is a strongly fortified town with a good harbour. It has many Grecian antiquities. Population, 16,085. Girgenti, on the south coast, has an indifferent harbour, but considerable trade. Population, 17,767. Trapani, at the western extremity, has some commerce and coral fisheries. Population, 24,330.

Malta is an island in the Mediterranean Sea, about 54 miles to the south of Sicily, and, though imperfectly connected with Italy, belongs more to it than to any other country. It is about 60 miles in circuit, and, together with the neighbouring small islands of Gozzo and Comino, belongs to Great Britain. In no part of Europe are the defences so imposing. In Gibraltar admiration is excited by the works of nature; in Malta by those of art. To garrison the latter completely would require above 30,000 men. Malta was originally nothing but a barren rock; but such quantities of soil have been carried to it from Sicily and Africa, that it is now fertile and well cultivated; the people are industrious, and raise grain, cotton, and excellent fruits, particularly oranges. In 1825, the native popu-

lation of this island amounted to 108,000; the garrison and strangers to 3200. On the neighbouring smaller island of Gozzo there were 16,800. Comino, lying between Malta and Gozzo, contains 600 inhabitants.

La Valette, the capital and port of Malta, being situated on a narrow tongue of land, with a noble harbour on each side, forms an admirable naval station, deriving great importance from its position in the leart of the Mediterranean. It serves also, especially during war, as a commercial depôt, whence goods may be intro-duced into Italy and the Levant. Population, 60,000. Citta Vecchia, in the centre of the island, is also well fortified. Population, 5000.

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The lorean language is the name given to a range extending chiefly along the coast of Greece. The principal ones are Corfu, Santa Maura, Theaki, Cephalonia, Cerigo, situated at a considerable distance from the others, off the southern coast of the Morea. These, as detached islands, occupied frequently a conspicuous of the Morea. These, as detached islands, occupied frequently a conspicuous place in ancient history; but their political union took place in modern times, in consequence of being held by the Venetians, and defended by their navy against the Turks, who had oversun the whole of the adjacent continent. When France, in 1797, seized the territory of Venice, she added these as an appendage to it; and, even after the cession of Venice to Austria, endeavoured still to retain them attached to her, under the title of the Ionian Republic. She was unable, however, to maintain them against the superior naval force of England, which, at the congress of Vienna, was nominated protector of the Ionian Islands. That power has since continued to hold them in full military occupation, and spends about 100,000% a year in fortifications and troops. The natives, however, are allowed a great share in the internal government, and even assemble in a regular parlia-

The Lord High Commissioner, who is at the head of the government, is appointed by the king of Great Britain. The legislative assembly consists of 29 elective and 11 integral members, all of the class of synclitie or nobles; the former are chosen for the term of five years by the nobles; the latter are virtually, if not directly, nominated by the High Commissioner. The senate consists of a president, nominated by the commissioner, and five members chosen by the legislative assembly from their own number.

These islands, like the opposite coast of Greece, are rocky, rugged, and picturesque, though none of the peaks rise to any great elevation. This surface renders them ill fitted for the cultivation of corn; but wine and fruits, especially the latter, are raised in great perfection. The species of small grapes which, when dried, are called currants, are largely exported from these islands. Zante produces annually about 90,000 cwt.; Cephalonia about 55,000. The total annual produce is estimated at about 180,000 cwt. Olive oil is also largely exported, about 113,000 barrels being annually produced. Honey, wine, and flax, are the most important articles of agricultural industry. The annual value of the exports its about 23,000,000. The public revenue, independent of the military establishment, which is any protected by the British covernment, in \$700,000 ner annum. ment, which is supported by the British government, is \$700,000 per annum.

The following table gives a general view of these islands:-Square Miles, Population, 1

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Zante is the richest and most fleurishing of these islands, but Corfn contains the seat of government, which is strongly fortified. Argostoli, Corfn, and Zante are the principal ports.

TURKEY.

Tunker is Eurors forms the western and metropolitan part of that extensive and once mighty empire which subverted and superseded the eastern branch of the empire of Rome. The most extensive portion, in which perhaps its main strength is seated, belongs to Asia. It forms the most eastern part of the territory of southern Europe, and the link which connects that continent with Asia. It also unites the Mediterranean with the Black Sea, being almost inclosed by their various bays and branches, and by that long range of straits, the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora, and the channel of Constantinople, by which these two great seas communicate. On the northern side, it has an inland boundary bordering on Austria and on Russia. The Danube forms here the limit of the central Turkish provinces, and, with the fortresses on its banks, has been the main barrier of the empire; but beyond it are the tributary provinces of Moldavia and Wallachia, which carry the frontier to the Pruth and the Carpathian Mountains.

The mountains of European Turkey consist chiefly of that extensive range called the Balkan Mountains, also, Despoto Dag, and Argentari; a continuous chain, stretching from the head of the Adriatic to the Black Sea. It separates Turkey in the second fruitful plains.

The gradule ver of Europe, swelled to its utmost magnitude, rolls along the whole both and autopean Turkey. From the barbarism of the government, however, and the hostile relations with the neighbouring powers, the Danube serves very little for the conveyance of merchandise; it is more famed in the dreadful annals of war than in the peaceful records of commerce.

The grand divisions of Turkey are Romelia, in the south; Albania and Bosnia, west; Servia and Bulgaria, in the centre; and Wallachia and Moldavia, in the north, beyond the Danube. The area of the whole is about 206,000 square miles, and the population, 10,000,000. Wallachia, Moldavia, and Servia, hardly form at present any part of the Turkish empire, being governed by their own princes and hospodas, and are in all respects independent, except that they pay a fixed tribute to the Porte.

The Turkish political system has no analogy with that of any other European power, but is formed upon a purely Asiatic model. Its principle is, the subjection of the whole administration, civil, military, and religious, to the absolute disposal of one man. The grand signior, the "shadow of God," and "refuge of the world," is considered as reigning by divine commission, and uniting in himself all the powers, legislative, executive, judicial, and ecclesiastical. So deeply rooted is the veneration for the Othman family, that, amid so many bloody and violent revolutions, the idea has never been entertained of a subject seating himself on the imperial throne; and after cutting off the head of one sultan, nothing has ever been dreamt of but raising the next heir to the throne.

The vixier, assisted by the divan, is the person upon whom devolves entire the exclusive power of the state. The grand signior does not even, like some other oriental deepots, make a show of sitting in judgment, but delegates that function also to his minister. The muftis, and ulema, or body of mollahs, form the depository of the laws of the empire, and the only class who approach to the character of a national council. The mufti is the second person of the empire in dignity; he girds the sabre on the sultan, an act equivalent to corenation; and the sultan advances seven steps to meet him, while he advances only three towards the grand vizier. No great measure of state can be regularly taken, or command the respect of the empire, without a fetwa from the mufti. Justice is administered by members of the ulema: those in the large towns are termed mollahs, and in

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The court and seraglio form not only the most brilliant appendage to the Ottoman Porte, but one of the great moving springs of its political action. In this palace, or prison, are immured 500 or 600 females, the most beautiful that can be found in the neighbouring realms of Europe, Asia, and Africa; wherever Turks can rule, or Taraks ravage. The pachas and tributary princes vie with each other in gifts of this nature, which form the most effective mode of gaining imperial favour. The confinement of these females is not so rigid as formerly.

The finances of the empire are shrouded in mystery; their amount cannot be in any degree measured by that of the sums paid into the treasury. The lands held as the sole property of the sultan are let out on the tenure of military service. Of the direct contribution, the principal is the haratsh, or capitation tax, imposed on all subjects of the empire who are not Mahometan. In the subject provinces of Moldavia and Wallachia, the haratsh is paid in one sum by the princes or vaivodes; but both from them, and from the pachas, his imperial majesty is pleased to accept of numerous presents on various occasions, to say nothing of those which it is at least highly prudent to make to the officers of state and the occupants of the harem. The customs are considerable, being levied by farm, without much rigour; but the attempts to establish an excise have been met

by violent discontents, and even insurrection.

The military power of Turkey, formerly the terror of the most considerable States in Europe, is now despised by almost the meanest; and the time has passed away when the Janissaries, the Sphahis, and the Dehlis were thought to be invincible. The martial spirit and discipline of these troops had long been in a state of decay; and they were, for many years, in consequence of their turbulent spirit, more formidable to their own sovereigns than to their enemies. The corps of Janissaries was annihilated in 1826, and the whole Turkish, modelled on that of the European system. It amounts nominally to between 200,000 and 300,000 men; but the corps are in general badly officered, badly armed, and undisciplined. The navy consists of 15 ships of the line, 18 frigates, and 4 steam-ships: this

force, however, is but indifferently organized, and ill managed.

Agriculture, in European Turkey, is depressed at once by arbitrary exactions, and by the devastation consequent on frequent wars in many of the finest provinces; yet its productions are valuable. The grain which grows in the plains of Roumelia, Bulgaria, and on the banks of the Danube, is considered the finest in the, empire. From the same plains a great quantity of excellent butter and bad cheese is obtained, the latter being made of skimmed milk. The steep sides and deep valleys of Hæmus and Rhodope are covered with vast flocks of sheep, affording the most delicate mutton, but a coarse kind of wool, which, however, from its plenty, forms a large article of export. Buffaloes are chiefly employed in agriculture; and, though their flesh is unpelatable, their skine, being thick and strong, are of considerable value. strong, are of considerable value. Hare skins, also, are so abundant as to form an article of importance in commerce. Bees innumerable are reared, and yield a profusion of honey and wax. A fine white silk is produced in Bulgaria and the plain of Adrianople, but not equal to that of Brusa. Cotton flourishes in the plains south of the Balkan, though nowhere so copiously as in Macedonia and Thessaly.

Manufactures are in a still less flourishing state; yet the very fine one of Turkey leather has been carried to the highest perfection at Gallipoli, and some other places along the Dardanelles, as well as in several cities of Asia Minor. Turkey carpets belong to Asia Minor, where manufacturing industry is generally more advanced than in European Turkey. The commerce of this part of the empire, excluding Greece, is almost confined to Constantinople, whence would be exported a good deal of grain, were it not for the impolitic prohibition, which does not, however, prevent a considerable contraband trade. Other productions of European and Asiatic Turkey, wool, buffalo hides, skins, goats' hair, Turkey leather, wax, drugs, silk, cotton, and copper, find their chief vent through the capital. The pride of the orientals, and their peculiar habits, render them little dependent on imports from the West. Nevertheless, the European merchants contrive to introduce some cottons and sugar; also, coffee from the West Indies, under the disguise of Mocha, together with glass, porcelain, and other brilliant fabrics for the ornament of the harem From the Black Sea and the Caspian are brought slaves in great numbers, also a vast quantity of salt-fish and caviare.

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The national character and aspect of the Turk is thoroughly oriental, and in every point contrary to that of the western European nations. All the external forms of life are dissimilar, and even opposite. The men, instead of our dresses fitted tight to the body, wear long flowing robes, which conceal the limbs. Instead of standing, or sitting on chairs, they remain stretched on sofas, in luxurious indolence; considering it madness to stir or walk, unless for special purposes or business. They sit cross-legged, especially at meals. On entering a house, they take off, not their hat, but their shoes; in eating, they use the fingers only, without knife or fork; they sleep not on beds, but on couches on the ground. Though the Turk be naturally sedate and placid, his rage, when once roused, is furious and ungovernable, like that of a brute. Hospitality and giving of alms are oriental virtues. It is rare to hinder any one from plucking herbs or fruit in a garden or orchard. This humanity is even injudiciously extended to the lower creaden or orchard. This humanity is even injudiciously extended to the lower creation, which enjoy at Constantinople a sort of paradise. The dogs, though excluded as unclean from the houses and mosques, are allowed to multiply in the streets till they become a perfect numence; the doves feed at liberty on the grain in the har-bour, which echoes with the crowded clang of unmolested sea-birds.

The religion of Mahomet is considered to be preserved throughout this empire in a state of peculiar and exclusive purity. The Turk is imbued from his earliest infancy with the lottiest conceptions of his own spiritual state, and with a mingled hatred and contempt of every other. This feeling is entertained, not only towards the "infide," but still more deeply towards the Persian Shite, whose tenets respecting the person of Ali are so detested, that, according to the soundest doctors, it is as meritorious to kill one Shitte as twenty Christians.

The learning of the Turks is comprised within a very limited compass. torrent of their barbarous invasion buried under it not only the splendid though corrupted remains of Greek science, but that of a secondary description which was attained by the Arabs under the caliprate. Yet some of the early sultans were patrons of learning; as, indeed, most conquerors have been. The Turks are ignorant of the most common instruments in natural philosophy, the telescope, the microscope, the electrical machine; which, if presented to them, are merely shown as objects of childish cursosity. Persons of the highest rank scarcely know anything of countries beyond the boundaries of the empire. Astrology, so long exploded from the list of European sciences, continues in Turkey to influence and direct the public councils. No expedition sails from Constantinople, no foundation of a building is laid, nor public officer installed, until the nunedjem bachi, or chief of the astrologers, has named the fortunate day. With all their pride, they are obliged to have recourse to Christian physicians, whose skill they ascribe to necromancy, and who they therefore expect will predict at once, in the most precise manner, the issue of their complaints. All the arts have degenerated into mechanical trades. Neither architecture, painting, nor music, is practised with any degree of taste or genius.

The condition of the female sex in Turkey is particularly foreign to our manners and ideas. From the moment of marriage they are immured in the barem, excluded from the view of the public and of all of the opplic sex, their nearest relations being alone admitted on occasions of peculiar ceremony. This circumrelations being alone admitted on occasions of peculiar ceremony. This circumscribed existence, and the necessity of sharing with a multitude of rivals the favour of a husband, or rather master, appear intolerable to European ideas. Polygamy is permitted by law, and carried sometimes to a vast extent, but only by the rich. The poor, and even others who study domestic quiet, find one wife quite sufficient. Divorce is permitted, but is not common. Disagreement of temper does not bear so hard on the husband, from the separate state in which he lives; adultery is avenged by the poniard; so that sterility, reckoned so deadly a curse throughout the East, is the prevailing motive for divorce.

The rayahs, or subject infidels, who form so large a part of the population of

Turkey, are chiefly Greeks, Jews, and Armenians. The amusements of the Turk are chiefly domestic. His delight is to give himself up to continued and unvaried reverie; to glide down the stream of time without thought or anxiety; to retire under the shade of trees, there to muse without any fixed object, and to inhale through the pipe a gentle inebriating vapour. The ball, the the airs, the crowded party, all that in Europe can be accounted gaiety, are utterly preign to Turkish manners.

The dress of the Turks has always consisted of long flowing robes which concealed the limbs, and was unfavourable to any active exertion; but these have been supplanted in many instances, particularly in the large towas, by a short tight jacket and pantaloons, and the turban or covering of the head by a cap. But little change has taken piece in the dress of the women, and the face is still gre-

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Some attempts at improvement have within a few years been made by the Turkish government. The late sultan, Mahmoud, organised his army and navy after those of the other European nations, and endeavoured to introduce their sciences into his empire; but, owing to the imperfect means adopted, but little essential change has yet taken place. In the year 1845, the most important innovation in Turkish policy yet attempted has been proposed. A parliament or convention, to consist of deputies from all parts of the Sultan's dominions, was ordered to assemble at Constantinople, for the purpose of devising measures to improve the condition

Constantinople occupies perhaps the most commanding and important site of any city in the world. Its situation is as beautiful and superb as it is commodious. Seated on the Bosphorus, at the point where it communicates with the Propontis or Sea of Marmora, it is connected both with the Mediterranean and the Black Sea by a succession of straits, easily defensible, yet navigable for the largest vessels. The port is spacious and admirable. The city itself, rising on seven vessels. The port is spacious and admirable. The city itself, rising on seven hills, along the shore of the Bosphorus, embosomed in groves, from amid which numerous gilded domes ascend to a lofty height, presents a most magnificent spectacle. But the moment the interior is entered, all the magic scene disappears. The streets are narrow, winding, ill paved, and crowded; the houses low and gloomy; and the hills, which appeared majestic in the view, causing steep ascents and descents, prove excessively inconvenient. But the most fatal circumstance in the structure of Constantinople is, that the houses of rich and poor are alike entirely composed of wood, while chimneys are not generally used, but their place supplied by vessels of brass or earth put under the feet. These circumstances, joined to the usual improvidence of the Mahometans, cause most tremendous confluences. It is even believed, with or without reason it is difficult to prove that flagrations. It is even believed, with or without reason it is difficult to prove, that the Turkish public employ the setting fire to the city as a mode of communicating their opinion on the conduct of their rulers. The scene is terrible, from the extent of the blaze, the deep rolling of the drum from the top of the minarets, and the crowds that assemble, among whom even the grand signior himself is expected to be present. It is reckoned that Constantinople rises entire from its ashes in the course of every fifteen years; but no advantage is ever taken of the circumstance to improve its aspect. The fallen streets are immediately reconstructed with all their imperfections, and the houses rebuilt of the same fragile materials. This city contains, however, some structures that are very magnificent. Among them stands foremost the mosque of St. Sophia, accounted the finest in the world, first built as a church by Justinian, and converted by the conquering Turks to its present use. The mosques of Sultan Achmet and of Suleyman are equally vast and splendid, but not marked by the same classic tasts. The population is quite uncertain. It is variously estimated at from 400,000 to 600,000 souls.

Pera and Soutari, two appendages to Constantinople, in any other vicinity would rank as cities. Pera is the Frank quarter, where reside the ambassadors and agents

of all the European courts, and, under their protection, all Christians whose trade does not fix them at the port. It has thus become very populous, and even crowded; so that houses are obtained with difficulty. Scutari stands on the Asiatic side, in a beautiful and cultivated plain, and presents a picturesque aspect, from the mix-

ture of trees and minarets.

Adrianople is a large city, five miles in circumference, and containing about

100,000 inhabitants. There are several ancient palaces, and a splendid mosque, but the streets are narrow and crooked, the houses ill-built of brick and mud. The ancient strength of its firstifications has gone into decay. Bourgas, on a bay of the Black Sea, near the foot of the Balkan, has a manufactory of pottery, and carries on a considerable trade. Gallipoli, on the Strait of the Dandandles, is also a large and commercial place, with 17,000 inhabitants. Sophia, the capital, at the foot of the mountains, is a large town, with 40,000 inhabitants, and carries on a great inland trade between Salonica and the interior countries of eastern Europe. Schumla, or Choumla, near the entrance of another of the great passes of the Balkan, forms rather a chain of rudely entremened positions than a regular fortress; yet such is the obstinacy with which the Turks defend such situations, that this city has repeatedly baffled the utmost efforts of the Russian army. Varna, a port on the Black Sea, is also a leading military station, and was the theatre of a signal victory gained by Amurath the Great over the Hungarian troops.

A chain of fortresses on the Danube, large, and strongly fortified, formed long the main bulwarks of the Turkish empire. The chief are, Widin, the residence of a pacha; Giurgevo, Nicopoli, Rustchuk, Silistria. They are all of nearly similar character, extensive and populous, uniting with their importance as military stations that derived from an extensive trade along the Danube. The capital of Servia is Belgrade, a fortress of extraordinary strength, long considered the key of Hungary, and disputed with the utmost obstinacy between the Austrians and Turks. It is now equally distinguished as a seat of inland commerce, being the great entrepôt between Turkey and Germany, and is supposed to contain about 20,000 inhabitants. Serajevo, or Bosna Serai, capital of Bosnia, is still larger, having been estimated to contain 60,000 inhabitants. It trafficks in arms and jewellery, and receives numerous caravans from Constantinople. Jasky, the capital of Moldavia, is situated in the interior of the country, amid a marshy district, which renders it unhealthy. Galatz, at the junction of the Danube and the Sigeth, carries on most of the trade, and might attain considerable importance if the navigation of the former river were made free. Bucharest, the capital of Wallschia, is a large city, containing about 80,000 souls. It is built upon a dismal swamp, to render the streets passable over which, they are covered with boards; but, in the intervals, water springs up from dirty kennels beneath. Here Reropean and Oriental costumes and manners unite in nearly equal proportions. The people are clothed half in hats and shoes, half in calpace and peliuses; the carriages are drawn as often by buffaloes as by horses. The nobles live in extravagance and dissipation, while the people are plunged in poverty.

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Joannina, which Ali Pacha made his capital, has a very picturesque situation on a lake, surrounded by lofty mountains, and is supposed to contain a population of 12,000. The houses are irregularly built, intermingled with gardens and trees. A great proportion of the inhabitants are Greek. Scutari, the capital of Upper Albania, is situated in a rich plain; has a population of about 16,000; and carries on some considerable manufactures of cloth. Its pacha is now the most considerable potentate in Albania. Salonica, the ancient Thessalonica, carries on an extensive commerce, and possesses a population of 60,000 or 70,000 inhabitants. It is one of the few remaining cities that have preserved the form of the ancient fortifications, the mural turrets yet standing, and the walls that support them being entire.

GREECE.

Grance, though bearing so great a name, and occupying so high a place in our recollections, had ceased, until of late, to be considered as having any actual existence. The torrent of Ottoman conquest, overwhelming all the institutions and monuments of the classic ages, seemed to have obliterated its place as a separate State, and to have sunk it into the subordinate province of a huge barbarian empire. But memorable events just elapsed have again produced the Greeks to

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the world, with claims to be considered as a great and independent people. Even under their deep humiliation, materials were not wanting, out of which their independence might be re-established. Amid the gloom of Turkish domination, the Greeks still existed as a people every way separate; not, indeed, manifesting their former high displays of genius and heroism, yet still remaining distinct in language, manners, and religion, and exhibiting even revived symptoms of intellectual and general activity. After witnessing the glorious though chequered efforts made by the nation itself, and though with various success; considering the part now publicly taken by the States of Europe, we can no longer hesitate to sever, Greece from the Turkish empire, and give to it a place among European nations.

Greece, considered as a free State, has been contracted in extent, in consequence of the reverses sustained by the national arms, and the treaty concluded by the European powers; and includes only a small portion of what we have been accustomed to consider as Greece. Bounded on the north by a line from the Gulf of Volo to that of Zeitoun, the present kingdom of Greece does not comprise the extensive and populous territories of Thessaly, Macedonia, and Albania. It now comprises the Moree, a small part of the continent north of the Isthmus, the Island of Negroponte, and about the one-half of the islands in the Archipelago, comprising the northern Sporades, the Cyclades, and the islands in the Gulf of Egina and Napoli: the area of the whole is probably \$1,000 equare miles. Population, in 1835, 688,636. The general divisions of the kingdom are the four provinces of Western Hollas, Eastern Hellas, the Morea, and the Isles, which are subdivided into ten nomoi, and these into eparchies.

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The interior of Greece is greatly diversified with rugged mountains, and with fertile and picturesque vales. Along the shores there are beautiful plains, the soil of which is fruitful, and the climate delightful. There are many inlets and bays, affording great facilities for commerce, and presenting strong inducements to navigation. In various parts of Greece there still remain many interesting monuments of antiquity. The ruins of temples, known to have been built 3000 years ago, exist at the present day. It is remarkable that these remains exhibit a style of architecture, common in that remote age, more truly chaste and beautiful than has been since devised. After all the improvements of modern times, we are obliged to admit that the ancient Greeks are our masters in this noble art.

Constitutional monarchy is the form of government destined for Greece by the great powers, and in which she appears to have acquiesced; and a monarch, after many difficulties, has at length been chosen. The political elements are by no means duly organised. The two parties are that of the people, composed generally of the inhabitants of the towns, and having at its head the commercial State of Hydra; and that of the capitani, or chieftains, who, in the interior of the country, have established a species of faudel military away.

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Industry, in Greece, is only in a very secondary state, yet its products are not inconsiderable. Agriculture is carried on with rude implements and bad cattle, and only in some quarters is irrigation practised with diligence; yet so genial are the climate and soil, that the harvests are generally more plentiful than in England. Wheat, barley, and maize are chiefly cultivated, and of each there is some surplus for exportation. Cotton is raised to a very great extent, and forms the chief basis of its export trade. The clive, in Greece, retains its ancient celebrity; "nor has the honey of Mount Hymettus lost any part of its exquisite flavour." That species of grape called the Corinthian, which produces the finest currants, is peculiar to the Morea and the Ionian Islands, especially Zante, from which it is largely exported. Greece, however, is altogether a pastoral country; the people are skilled in the management of cattle, but much more in that of sheep and goas!; which are fed in wast numbers on the sides of the hills, and on the high same of the interior. Of these animals, however, the breed is not of any emissions.

Manufactures are in a still ruder state than agriculture; and the country is indebted to foreigners for every thing, except a few coarse and common fabrics. Commerce is carried on with much greater activity than any of the other branches

of industry, and has been one of the main instruments in riising this renowned country from its extreme depression. The great circuit of its coasts, its numerous baye, and its position in the vicinity of some of the richest and most productive countries in the world, clearly destined Greece to be a maritime and commercial region. The proud ignorance of the Turka, leading them to despise trade, left this career open to the vassal people. A prodigious impulse was given by the general war consequent on the French revolution, which left the Greek for a long time the only neutral fing in Europe. The islands, and particularly the little harbours of Hydra, Ipsara, and Speasia, not only exported the produce of Greece itself, but maintained the carrying trade from port to port all around the Mediterranean. There was even an extensive transmission of articles to the head of the Gulf of Salonica, and thence by land into the heart of Austria. A Greek mercantile and shipping interest of great wealth and importance was thus created.

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In 1809, the exports were estimated to amount to \$13,000,000; comprising cotton, tobacco, corn, wool, clive oil, currants, silk, cheese, fruits, &c. It is difficult to ascertain the present condition of the commerce of this country. It is difficult to continuous two destroyed; and the Hydriots, in whom it centred, were all occupied by war: nor has it probably revived to its ancient extent. In 1838, the merchant ships of Greece amounted to 4500, manned by 16,000 meni.

The Greek army, in 1820, was estimated at 50,000 men, consisting of brave but irregular troops, and commanded by skilful generals. It is now reduced to 8000 men. The navy consists of 32 vessels, mounting 190 guns, and manned with 2400 officers, sailors, and marines. The government dock-yards are at Parce and Nannils.

The character of the modern Greeks, both before and since the revolution, has been painted in somewhat unfavourable colours. They are represented as addicted to the vices incident to every despised and oppressed people; avarice, intrigue, cunning, servility, and as being almost entirely governed by motives of self-interest. The reproach, however, seems to be mainly due to the inhabitants of the towns, and the chiefs, particularly the Fanariots, or rich Greeks of Constantinople. The peasantry are allowed to be a very fine race; and, indeed, the great actions performed in the course of the late contest must silence those who pretend that the nation has lost all its ancient energies.

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The religion of the Greeks is that which was designated by their name, to distinguish it from the Roman Catholic, after the great schism of the eastern and western churches. This, however, may be considered on a lower level as to any enlightened views of Christianity. According to a late writer, the lower ranks in Greece have a religion of mere forms, while the upper ranks have no religion at all. The most respectable of the clergy are the monks or caloyers, out of whom are chosen the bishops, and even the patriarch or general head of the religion,

are chosen the bishops, and even the patriarch or general head of the religion, who, before the late convulsions, resided at Constantinople.

Learning, in Greece, where it once flourished with such unrivalled splendour, had fallen into a state of total extinction. As soon, however, as the government had acquired a degree of consistence, they turned their immediate attention to this object; and, really, considering the pressure of so dreadful a war, effected wonders. They established schools of mutual instruction at Athens, Argos, Tripolizza, Missolonghi, and most of the islands. They decreed the formation, at Argos, of an academy on a great scale, where every requisite of intellectual culture might be united; also of central schools and libraries. All these institutions are yet only in their infancy; but there cannot be a doubt that, the independence of the Greeks being once established, one of the first results would be an extraordinary effort to raise their intellectual character as a nation.

The dress of the Greeks is formed on the model of the Turkish, either from imitation, or from adoption of the same oriental pattern. In general the attirc of all who can afford it is gaudy and glittering, covered with gold and silver embroidery, and with the most brilliant colours. Above all, the arms of the chieffs are profusely adorned, mounted with silver and even jewels. The simplicity which a more refined taste has introduced into the costume of the western Environments is held by them in contempt.

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The islands form a prominent and interesting appendage to Greece. Cyprus, Rhodes, and a considerable number of smaller isles ranged along the coast of Asia Minor, have been always considered as Asiatis. The Greek European islands are Candia, the Cyclades, and those termed the Ionian Islands.

Candia, lately ceded to the Pacha of Egypt, is one of the largest islands in the Mediterranean, being reckoned about 500 miles in circumference. It is perhaps

nore favoured by nature than any other part of Europe. The interior is covered more favoured by nature than any other part of Europe. The interior is covered with mountains, of which Mount lds towers to a very lofty height. The plains and valleys along the sea-coast are covered with mystle groves, spacious plane trees, and other beautiful woods; and the soil, though merely scratched by a wretched plough drawn by two sorry oten, yields luxuriant crops of wheat and barley. The clive grows in high perfection; though the oil, for want of care and skill in preparing it, is unfit for the table, and only used for soap and other manufactures. The inhabitants are a fine race, and were more independent of the Porte than the vassals of most other parts of the empire. The mountains and mountain plains, however, have continued to be occupied by a Greek race, called the Sfacciotes, who in these high tracts carry on the trade of shepherd, not altogether uncombined with that of robber. It was by this body that the chief stand was made in the late insurrection, and they had nearly driven the Turks out of was made in the late insurrection, and they had nearly driven the Turks out of

the island, when they were forced themselves to yield to the Pacha of Egypt.

Of the towns, Candill, the capital, has had its harbours choked up with sand,
against which the Turks never take any precautions; and the greater part of its
trade has passed to Canea. It still bears the trace of a handsome Venetian town, with substantial Louses formed into regular streets and squares; but the havoc of its long siege and subsequent desertion give it a very gloomy aspect. Popula-tion, 12,000. Canea, is the chief commercial part of the island: it has 8000 in-habitants; more than half of whom are Mahomedans. There is nothing in its aspect to distinguish it from other Turkish towns. Between Canea and Candia is Retimo, situated in a delightful country abounding with olive trees; but its har-

is Retimo, situated in a delightful country abounding with olive trees; but its harbour having likewise suffered, Canea has profited in this as in the former instance. The Cyclades, a numerous and celebrated group, are interposed between Candia and Asia minor, but nearer to the continent, from which they recode in a southeast direction. Their aspect, bold, rocky, yet richly verdant, presents to the vessels sailing through it scenes of varied beauty. The principal of these are Paros, Antiparos, Naxos, Santorini, Milo, Argenters, Syra, Andro, Sino, Zea, &c.

Negropont is a long, narrow island, separated from the continent by the narrow channel of the Euripus, or Egripo. It is diversified by rugged mountains and fertife valleys. It was supposed to contain about 60,000 inhabitants previous to the revolution, but does not probably at present contain half that number, the Turks, who were more numerous here than anywhere else in southern Greece, baving

who were more numerous here than anywhere else in southern Greece, having been expelled the island. The capital, Chalcis, or Negropont, has a population

of about 6000. The Northern Sporades, lying north-east of Negropout, comprise Skyro, Chelidonia, and other islands.

Two islands, Hydra and Spezzia, though little favoured by nature, took, for a time, the lead of all the States and Islands of Greece. Hydra, a rugged mass of rock, with scarcely a spot of verdure, by the energy of its inhabitants and their attention to commerce, became rich and prosperous. In 1816 its merchants owned 120 ships, which traded to all parts of the Mediterranean. During the war of independence the Hydriots earned for themselves the character of being the most efficient and intropid sailors in the Greek navy; and their bravery contributed, in no small degree, to the successful issue of that contest. The island formerly contained 40,000 inhabitants; but in 1834 they had dwindled to one-half that number; and their trade has declined in proportion. The town of Hydra contains some

interesting public buildings; there is also a well-regulated college, a mathematical seminary, and several schools. Spezzia is a sort of outwork of Hydra; it has

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Athens, the most celebrated of all the Grecian cities, is situated just without the isthmus of Corinth, 5 miles from the sea. The town stands at the foot of a steep rock, called the Acropolis, and spreads into a plain on the west and northwest. It is surrounded by a thick, irregular wall, 3 miles in circuit, and 10 feet high, passing along the brinks of precipices. Some portions of the ancient wall are also to be seen. The remains of ancient architecture are still sufficient, in spite of the ravages of barbarian conquerors, to excite the admiration of the traveller. The temple of Theseus, the lantern of Demosthenes, the tower of the winds, Adrian's gate, the peristyle of the Parthenon, and a wall of the theatre exist entire. The population amounts to 17,000; it is extremely varied in character, comprising natives of almost every country in Caristendom.

Napoli de Romania, or Nauplion, is the best built town in the Morea. on an eminence projecting into a wide bay, and is surrounded with walls. From its maritime situation and great natural strength, it must ever be one of the keys of Greece. Its harbour is good, and the commerce considerable. Population, 16,000. Tripolisza, the Turkish capital of the Morea, was taken during the war by Ibrahim Pacha, and is now mostly in ruins: it contained 4 mosques, 8 Greek churches, and a bazar, and a population of about 12,000. Navarino stands upon an excellent harbour in the south-west part of the Morea. Here the Turkish naval power was completely destroyed by the combined fleets of Russia, France and England, on the 20th October, 1828, the anniversary of the battle of Salamis. It is a place of some trade, and has a good harbour. Modon, in the same neigh-It is a place of some trade, and has a good harbour. bourhood, has a good harbour and considerable trade. Coron, not far distant, on a wide bay of the same name, is a small town, but well fortified. Malvasia, on the eastern coast, stands on an island connected with the continent by a bridge. It has a strong citadel, and its neighbourhood produces the wine called Malvolsia, or Malmeey. Calamata, on the Gulf of Messenia, is a considerable, but open town. Tripolizza, the former capital of the Morea, stands in a narrow valley at the foot of Mount Menalus: before the revolution it had a considerable trade and a population of 12,000. Misitra, or Mistras, was a strong place with 7000 inhabitants previous to the revolution. It is now in a ruinous state. The ruins of Sparta are about 8 miles from this town. Corinth stands on the isthmus uniting the Morea to the continent. It still exhibits the remains of its ancient walls and the citadel, or acro-corinthus. It formerly had a harbour on each side of the isthmus, but the only port is now on the Gulf of Lepanto. The houses are generally well-built. Patras, at the entrance of the Gulf, has a considerable commerce, and formerly was the residence of many European Consuls. It suffered severely during the late contest, the country in its neighbourhood being ravaged by the contending armies. Missolought is without the Morea. It stands on the Gulf of Lepanto opposite Patras. It was captured by the Greeks in 1821, recaptured after several attempts by the Turks in 1825, and afterwards rescued by the Greeks. It is a fortified and important place. Here Lord Byron died, in 1824.

This country, the most celebrated of antiquity, has at length, after ages of bond-

age under the iron yoke of the most ruthless oppressors of modern times, assumed an independent attitude among the nations of the earth. The nomination of Otho of Bavaria to the throne of Greece by the great powers of Europe, and supported by their influence, affords a prospect that the new state has now permanently obtained a tranquil and settled condition. The moral and religious instruction of this interesting people has for some years past attracted the attention of several missionary and philanthropic societies, both in Great Britain and the United States, and cheering hopes are entertained that their exertions, aided by those of the government, and the natural quickness and intelligence of the people themselve will, at no distant period, exhibit such an improvement in the public mind, as will satisfactorily prove to the world, that the Greeks of the present day want but the sid of free institutions and favourable circumstances, to enable them to rival the

brightest era of their distinguished forefathers.

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TABULAR VIEW

THE EUROPEAN STATES.

	STATES.	Area in Eq. Miles.	Populatina.	Principal Religious Sects.	Government.
ĺ	Sweden and Norway	997,000	4 204 200	Lutherans, Catholics, Jews.	Constitutions
	Denmark	38,000	4,364 898 9,080,955 9,953,618		
	Holland	11,100	2.953.618	Lutherans, Jawa, des. Calvinistes, Catlolies, des. Catholies, Calviniste. Episcopalians, Catholies, des Catholies, Calviniste, des. Catholies	Constitutions
	Belgium	13,000	4,942,600	Catholics, Calvinists	Constitutions
	G. Er. & Freiand(in, Maita, &c.)	13,000	97,161,458	Episcopalians, Catholics, &c	Constitutions
	Prance	965,008	33,540,000	Catholica, Calvinists, &c	Constitutions
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	Andorra (Republis)	196	15,000	Catholics	Republic
	Portugal	30,800	3,430,000	Cataones	Constitutions
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Į,	Cracow (Republic) Austria(in. Lombardy& Ven.)	500	131,469	Catholica, Lutherana, Jawa.	Republic
ſ	Austria(in.Lombardy&Ven.)	958,000	35,470,976	Catholics, Greeks, &c Evangelists, Catholics, &c Catholics, Evangelists, Jews	Absolute
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1	Bavaria	30,997	4,339,370	Catholics, Evangemen, Jowa	Constitutions
I	Saxony	7,900	1,065,500	Lutherans, Catholics, Jews. Lutherans, Catholics, &c.	Constitutions
ı	Hanover Wirtimberg	14,790	1,737,500	Lutherans, Catholics, &c.	Constitutiona
1	Wednesday	7,500		Catholica Lutherone As	Countifrances
I	Baden	5,800	1,997,960	Catholics, Lutherans, &c Evangelists, Catholics, &c	Constitutiona
I	Hesse-Cussel (Ricctorate) Hesse-Darmetadt	4,359	791,550	Lutherane, Catholics, &c	Constitutions
u	Hosse-Homburg (Landgr.)	4,119	793,130	Calviniate, Lutherans, &c	Constitutions
ł	Baze-Weimar	138	93,400 945,890	Lutherans, Catholics, &c	Constitutiona
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ı	Saze-Coburg-Gotha Saze-Altenburg Saze-Meiningen Hildburgh	491	140,050	Lutherang	Constitutions
ì	Save. Mainingen Bildhurch	875	148,590	Lutherane, Jews, Catholics.	Constitutions
ı	Mecklenburg-Schwerin	4.755	479,600	Lutherane, Jows, &c	Potester
1	Mecklenburg-Straitz	768	87,680	II.utharnna fawa	Butaton
ı	Brunswick	1,514	269,000	Lutherans, Catholies, &c Lutherans, Catholies, &c	Constitutions
ł	Oldenburg	9,789	364,678	Lutherans, Catholics, &c.	Absolute
₹		9.164	37,570	Evangelists, Catholics, &c	Constitutions
I	Anhalt Bernburg	340	46,990	Evangelists, Catholics, &c Calvinists, Lutherans, Jews	Estates
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١	Anhalt-Deggau.	1 903	61,480	Calviniste, Lutherane, &c	Butatos
ı	Schwartzhurz-Rudolstadt	448	66,130	Lutherans, Catholies.	Estates
ı	Schwartzburg-Sonderbausen	394	55,810	Ontviniste, Lutherane, do. Latherane, Catholies Lutherane, Catholies Latherane, Jeve Latherane, Hornhutten, Jewe	Ratates
ļ	Rouse-Groits	153	31,300	Latherane, Jerre	Retates
١	Rouse-Bohleitz	453	79,050	Lutherans, Hernhutters, Jews	Estates
1	Lippe-Detmold	436	89,970	Calvinists, Lutherane, Cath's Lutherane, Calvinists, Cath's Catholics, Jews. Catholics	Estates ·
ł	Lippe-Behauenburg	213	27,600	Lutherans, Calviniots, Cath's	Estates
1	Hohennollera-Sigmaringen .	496 117	49,990	Catholics, Jews	Estates
ı	Hohennollern-Elechingen	117	20,200	Catholics	Estates
1	Waldock	439	85,489		
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١	Hambure (Lordelp)	.17	2,988	Lutherans, Jews, &c.	Absolute
ß	Lubock	134	153,500	Latherana, Jews, &c	Republic
ı	Brease	146	47,900	Luthering, Catholica &c	Republic
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AFRICA.

Aranca, a spacious continent, comprising nearly a third of the world known to the ancients, composes a peninsula about 4820 miles in length from north to south, and 4140 in breadth from east to west. Its shape is an irregular pyramid, at the southern extremity diminishing almost to a point; so that it has, properly speaking, only three sides. Its western coast, by far the most extensive, faces the Atlantic, which on the other side is bounded, at several thousand miles' distance, by the parallel coast of America. To the east, Africa looks upon the southern Pacific, but chiefly that mighty portion of it called the Indian Ocean, which has for its remote opposite boundaries, Hindoostan, the Eastern Archipelage, and New Holland. From Europe, Africa is separated by the Mediterranean, and from Asiby the Red Sea. Both these gulfs communicate with the ocean by narrow straits, at which Africa comes almost in contact with the opposite continents; but it is at their interior extremities that they are separated by that celebrated isthmus, only sixty miles in breadth, which connects this vast continent with that of Asia.

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Aftica, in all respects except its vast extent, is the least favoured portion of colors. Its prevailing aspect is rude, gloomy, and sterile. The character of desert, which elsewhere is only partial and occasional, belongs to a very go at proportion of its widely extended surface. Boundless plains, exposed to the vertical rays of a tropical sun, are deprived of all the moisture necessary to cover them with vegetation. Moving sands, tossed by the winds, and whirling in eddies through the air, surround and continually threaten to bury the traveller, in his lengthened route through these trackless wilds. The watered and cultivated districts consist of little more than belts, with which this huge expanse of desert is begirt. The best known, and perhaps the finest, is that which borders the northern coast along the Mediterranean, and stretches for 50 or 100 miles inland. The famous range of mountains called Atlas, which ancient fable represented as supporting the heavens, with numerous chains branching from it across the continent, diffuses moisture and fertility over sands which would otherwise have been totally unproductive. Then follows the immense ocean of desert, nearly 3000 miles in length, and 1000 in breadth, reaching across the whole continent from east to west, and from north to south, between lat, 15° and 30°. The sterility of the scene is only interrupted by a narrow line, of not above half a mile, or meet to west, and from north to south, between lat, 15° and 30°. The sterility of the scene is only interrupted by a narrow line, of not above half a mile, or meet the course of the Nile through Nubia, and by a few islands, or, as they are termed, oases, exatered at wide intervals over this immensurable waste. These spots, affording springs, verdure, and a few dates, support a scanty population; but are chiefly valuable as affording places of rest and refreshment for the caravana. The traveller who has crossed this dreary interval is cheered by the view of a long line of territory exhibiting a different and

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present a totally different aspect from that of northern Africa; profusely watered by great rivers, in many places luxuriant with tropical products; in others, inundated and swampy, overgrown with huge forests and underwood. Some late observers, however, in travelling inland from the Cape, have caught a glimpee of vast expanses of desert, reported almost to rival those at the opposite extremity of the continent. Lastly, the southern angle presents to the stormy seas of the Southern Ocean broad table rocks and high rude plains, covered, however, in

many places, with good herbage and vegetation.

The political constitutions of Africa are rude, and in general despotic. unlimited power of the sovereign is in general checked only by the turbulence of aristocratic chiefs, not by any well-regulated freedom on the part of the people. Africa, however, is divided into an almost infinite variety of states, whose political system can only be understood by considering each in detail.

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The processes of agriculture and manufactures, in Africa, are performed generally in a rude and imperfect manner. The soil, however, is cultivated almost throughout, to a greater or less extent; and some fine fabrics, particularly those of cotton, cloth, mats, and gold ornaments, are very widely diffused.

Africa has scarcely any trade, except that which is carried on overland and across its oceans of desert, by caravans, consisting chiefly of camela. It is truly astonishing with what facility these companies now make their way to the remotest interior of the continent, in defiance of obstacles which might have been deemed insuperable. By these immense journeys, they procure considerable quantities of gold and ivery; but the importance of these articles is merged in a cruel and iniquitous traffic, of which Africa has always been the main theatre. Other parts of the globe have for ages depended upon its copyressed and unfortunate inparts of the globe have for ages depended upon its oppressed and unfortunate in-habitants, for supplying their demand for slaves. Whoever, throughout Africa, has the evil power of selling any of his fellow-creatures, is sure to find purchasers who will give in exchange the best products of Europe and the East. Some are condemned to slavery under a criminal code, framed by legislators who make it a study to multiply the number of such offeness as may be made punishable in this lucrative manner; others are captives taken in war; but a large proportion are procured by mere slave-hunting expeditions, undertaken even by the most civilized states, against neighbours whom, with little reason, they account more barbarous than themselves. The number thus conveyed across the desert, to fill the harems of Turkey and Persia, has been rated at 20,000. These, however, serve merely as domestic slaves; and, though subjected to many humiliations, they are, on the whole, mildly treated. A much severer lot awaits those who, from the western shores of Africa, are carried off by the polished people of modern Europe. After suffering through the passage, under a confinement and pestilential air which prove fittal to a large proportion, they are cold to taskmatters whose sole object is, under a burning sun, to extract from them the utmost possible amount of labour. It is calculated that, during the flourishing period of the slave trade, 80,000 were annually transported across the Atlantic. At length, however, the wrongs of Africa were heard; Britain, roused by the voice of some generous philanthropists, took the lead in the cause of humanity. The resistance was powerful, and it occasioned many years of debate, signalized by the long labours of Wilberforce, Clarkson, and other frience of Africa, till, in 1806, Mr. Fox moved and carried the bill for the final abolition of the trade of importing slaves into the British colonies. It has since been declared felony for a British subject to engage in this trade. America and France afterwards followed the example; and thus the export of slaves from the northern part of Guinea has been in a great measure pre-vented; though the numbers still procured from the southern quarters of Benin and Congo, by the Spaniards and Portuguese, are but little diminished.

This vest continent is almost universally in a state of barbarism; yet in ancient times its northern states rivalled Europe in civilization. Egypt and Carthage, when in their glory, ranked among the most civilized and opulent states then existing. Even after the first ravages of the Saracens, learning and science distinguished the splendid courts established in the west of Barbary. The continued afinence, however, of a gloomy superstition, and the separation caused by it from

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atered into barbarism. The population of the continent may now, in a large view, be divided into Moors and Negroes. The Moors, including the descendants of the inun sriginal Arab invaders, and those whom conquest and religion have assimilated with them, fill all northern Africa and the Great Desert. They reach the banks of the Senegal and the Niger, which may be considered as the boundary of the two races, though they mingle and alternate on the opposite sides, where sometimes one, sometimes another, hold the chief sway. The Moore are a rough times one, sometimes another, hold the chief sway. The Moors are a rough rowing race, keeping numerous herds, chiefly of camels, with which they perform immense journeys through the most desolate tracts, and across the greatest breadth of the continent. Africa is indebted to them for all the literature she possesses; at least, few of the Negroes can read or write, who have not learned from them. nce of The Moors, however, at least all that scour the desert, are a race peculiarly unamiable. A furious bigotry, joined to the most embittered hatred of the Christian name, renders them mortal fees to every European traveller who falls into their d genepower. The Negroes, on the contrary, though inferior in arts and attainments, are generally courteous, gay, and hospitable. Like all barbarous nations, they are fond of war, and cruel to their enemies; but their domestic intercourse is friendly, y those and they receive with kindness the unprotected stranger. They are led away with fantastic superstitions, charms, witchcraft, ordeal, &c.; but these errors

hever impel them to hate or persecute those who entertain the most opposite be-lief. Their external aspect is well known, being marked by a deep black colour, flat nose, thick lips, and coarse hair like wool. The Moors are deeply embrowned by the influence of the sun, but have not the least of the Negro colour or aspect. In the animal kingdom at least, Africa is as rich in the number of its peculiar species as any other quarter of the globe. Of these, a large majority are found to the southward of the Great Desert. The quadrupeds of burden are highly valuable. The Arabian camel, or dromedary, is now spread over all the northern and central parts of the continent, and is indispensably requisite in crossing the long arid deserts which cover so great a portion of its surface north of the equator. The horses and assess of Barbary, those of the Bedoweens and of Egypt, yield in no respect to the finest Arabs either in beauty of form or spirit. The first of these races was introduced into Spain during the ascendency of the Moorish power in that country, and from it the noble Spanish breed of modern times is descended. On the West Coast, south of the Great Desert, the ass supplies the place of the camel, being extensively used in carrying on the inland trade of the country. Of horned cattle there are many different varieties. The most remarkable are the Sanga or Galla oxen of Abyssinia, with immense horns nearly four feet in length, and a kindred race in Bornou, the horns of which measure upwards of two feet in circumference at the base, and yet scarcely weigh two pounds apiece. Of sheep, the most remarkable variety is the broad-tailed kind, whose tails grow so fat and heavy that it is said they are frequently obliged to be supported on little wheel carriages. This animal is common in Barbary, at the Cape of Good Hope, and in other parts of the continent: other varieties of the sheep, and also several of the goat, abound in different quarters; the latter are common in many parts bordering on the Great Desert, feeding on the dry aromatic herbs which are in places thinly scattered.

Of the wild animals, one of the most peculiar is the chimpansee, of which it is thought more than one variety exists in Africa. It approaches much nearer to the human form than the Orang-outang of Borneo, Sumatra, &c. The adult of this animal has never been brought to Europe. Some of the varieties of baboons attain a very considerable stature, and from their great strength and malicious disosition, are much dreaded by the negroes. Carnivorous and ferocious animals are extremely numerous in all parts of Africa. The lion, the panther, and the leopard, lurk in the vicinity of the rivers and fountains, to surprise the different species of antelopes and other animals; but, unless pressed by hunger, rarely attack the inhabitants, though it is said the lion will often pursue the Fiottentot in preference to all other prey. The various species of hymnas are, properly speakng, African; one species only being found in any other part of the world.

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the exuse preall live upon offal and carrion, and are of singular importance in the economy of nature, by preventing the accumulation of putrescent matter, and devouring dead carcasses and other garbage, which, under the influence of a tropical sun, would soon corrupt and produce the most noxious and unwholesome vapours. The hysenas are nocturnal, and nightly visit the towns and villages, where they prowl through the streets till morning. The true civet is found in a state of nature in most parts of Africa. Great numbers of these animals are also kept by the natives for the sake of their perfume. Nearly allied to the civet are the ichneumons. Of these there are four or five distinct species, which wage incessant war against the numerous serpents and other reptiles which infest every part of the country.

The elephant occupies the first rank among the wild quadrupeds of this region. The African elephant, though long confounded with the Asiatic, is now well known to be a distinct species. Its ears are larger, the markings of its molar teeth are of a different form, and it has only four hoofs on the fore feet and three on the hind, whilst the Indian species has five before and four behind. In magnitude it does not yield to its Asiatic congener, and is even thought to exceed it; for, according to the statements of some travellers, it would appear that the African animal occasionally attains the height of seventeen or eighteen feet, and it is certain that the tusks of the latter imported from the coast of Guinea are considered larger than those obtained from India, often weighing from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and eighty pounds, whilst the latter rarely exceed one hundred to one hundred and twenty pounds. These animals inhabit all the woody parts of Africa south of the Sahara, and are also found in Dar Fur. They live in herds of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred individuals. This animal is not now employed in the service of man, although the ancient Egyptians undoubtedly obtained war elephants from Ethiopia. The African rhinoceros, like that of Suusatra, has two horns, but is distinguished from the latter by having no front or incisor teeth. The horns, as in the East, are highly esteemed for their supposed medicinal virtues, and are also used by the natives as battle-axes. The hippopotamus is entirely an African quadruped, being found in all the large rivers and lakes south of the Great Desert, and appears to have occupied the same localities from the earliest ages. He delights in being in the water, and stays there as willingly as upon land.

The sebra, the dow, and the quagga, are found in nearly all the known parts of central and southern Africa. These beautiful animals, equally remarkable for the symmetry of their forms, the rapidity of their course, and the regularity of their colours and markings, associate in large herds upon the open plains, and are the frequent prey of the lion. It is remarkable that these creatures and the ostriches seem to have a natural predilection for each others' society, and that the flocks and herds of these very different species are constantly found intermixed, though they refuse to associate with other animals; and the same fact was observed 2000 years ago, in regard to the ostrich and quagga, or wild ass, on the plains of Syria and Mesopotamia. The camelopard, or giraffe, is an animal peculiar to this continent, and is found from the Orange river as far north as Nubia, although it is

said there is a difference between those of the north and south.

Two or three species of the wild buffalo inhabit the woods and marshy grounds of the interior. The bos coffer, or wild buffalo of the Cape, has the base of the horns extending all over the top of the head and forehead, in the manner of a helmet. He is a savage, dangerous animal, and much dreaded by travellers. Antelopes and gazelles are numerous. Of the former there are more than sixty different species. Multitudes of these fall a prey to the lion, the leopard, and panther. Among the animals which inhabit the seas and coasts of Africa is the lamantin, which frequents the mouths of the great rivers on the Atlantic and Indian Ocean, and feeds upon the aquatic plants that it can reach along the shores. It was this animal which, from the pectoral situation of its mamme, and from the habit of raising itself half out of the water, especially when in the act of suckling its young, gave origin to the fible of the mermaid, by which name it is often mentioned by ancient African voyagers and travellers.

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ckling nienThe most peculiar and important of the birds of Africa is the ostrich. At the present day it would appear to be exclusively confined to that continent, though it was anciently found in the deserts of Syria and Mesopotamia in Asia. The weight of this bird, when full grown, is from 70 to 80 pounds. It is affirmed that it never drinks, but is of all animals the most voracious, devouring lead, glass, metals, &c. The large feathers of the ostrich form a considerable article of trade from several parts of the continent. It is said those brought from Barbary are not procured from the wild birds of the desert, but from half-domesticated individual which the Arabs take young and breed up in stables, where they are well supplied with soft bedding to prevent them from wearing or injuring the feathers. Similar to the ostrich in many of their habits, and even somewhat in appearance, are the bustards, many different species of which inhabit the karoos and arid plains of this convinent.

The Guinea-fowl, the only African bird adapted to the barn-yard, is found exclusively in this region. There are three or four distinct species. They collect in flocks of 400 or 500, and frequent the underwood and bushes in the vicinity of ponds and rivers. There are many species of partridges and grouse; also, waterfowl in abundance on the rivers and lakes; various species of owls, falcons, and vultures; the latter, like the hyemas among the quadrupeds, are highly useful in consuming the offal and carrion which might otherwise taint the air and produce disease. The exquisite sense of smell possessed by these birds is truly surprising. One of the most remarkable and useful birds of prey peculiar to Africa is the secretary vulture, which may be not improperly described as an eagle mounted on the long naked legs of a crane. This bird preys exclusively upon serpents, which it pursues on foot, and destre, a in amazing numbers.

Among the smaller birds of Africa are many species remarkable for the gaudiness and brilliancy of their plumage, or the singularity of their manners and economy. Of the former kind may be mentioned the innumerable varieties of parrots and parroquets, which, from the size of a sparrow, upwards to that of a raven, swarm in all the lorests, and make the woods resound with their hoarse unmusical screams. Of the latter, it will be sufficient to mention the honey cuckoo, and the little bird called the republican.

Lizards, serpents, and other reptiles, abound in every part of Africa. The crocodile inhabits all the large rivers of the tropical parts of the continent, and is still abundant in the Nile below the first cataract. Different species of chameleons may be seen on every hedge or shrub; and the enormous python, a serpent thirty feet long, lurks in the fens and morasses. Among the venomous species, the dipsas, the asp, and the cerastes, or horned viper, are frequently mentioned by the ancient classical writers; whilst the gatter-snake, the puff adder, and other species, are at present employed to poison their arrows, by the Bushmans, the only-African tribe who use this deadly and cowardly weapon.

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Of the insect tribes, Africa also contains many thousand different kinds. The locust has been, from time immemorial, the proverbial scourge of the whole containent; scorpions, scarcely less to be dreaded than the noxious serpents, are everywhere abundant; and the zebub, or fly, one of the instruments employed by the Almighty to punish the Egyptians of old, is still the plague of the low and culti-

The number of African languages is supposed to be more than 200; and 70 or 80 have been distinguished with tolerable accuracy. But they are too imperfectly known to admit of minute description. In Northern Africa, the Copts of Egypt have a peculiar language in their sacred books, which is no more employed in conversation. The Turkish and Arabic are spoken by the Turks, both in Egypt and Barbary. The Berbers of Mount Atlas, and those extending along the north of the Great Desert, preserve a common language (supposed to be the ancient Numidian) through a great extent of country, together with the Arabic of the Koran. The Ethiopic, or Gees, and its modern branch, the Amharic, are the principal languages of Abyssinia; but various other dialects are in common use. In Western and Central Africa many of the languages have similar combinations of letters and some common words. But almost every tribe of Negroes has a distinct

language, and it often varies from village to village. The Hottentots, Bushmans and other tribes of South Africa, speak various dialects, apparently of a common origin. They differ from all others in a sort of clucking noise, somewhat like that of a fowl, which attends every word. The Caffres have a different language, as different aspect from the surrounding Normal.

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The divisions under which Africa will be considered in the following sketch of it are Barbary, Egypt, Nubia, Abysainia, Sahara, or the Great Desert, Western Africa, Southern Africa, Eastern and Central Africa, together with the African asianos. The population of this great division of the earth has been variously estimated by different writers, and as nothing but vague conjecture can be employed in their calculations, even in relation to those parts of the continent best anown and explored, and considering that our knowledge of it does not extend to more than the one-fortieth or fiftieth part of its surface, it is evident that calculations of the total amount of the inhabitants cannot be regarded in any other light than as a mere expression of opinion. The estimate of M. Malte Brun is 70,000,000; Graberg, 99,000,000; Hassel, from 100 to 110,000,000; and by others it has been sarried as high as 150,000,000.

BARBARY.

Barrary is that portion of Northern Africa stretching eastward from the Atlantic Ocean, including Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. It ranges through 36 degrees of longitude, being about 2100 miles in extent from east to west. This region is traversed from east to west by the elevated chain of mountains called Atlas, of which the loftiest pinnacles rise above the plains of Morocco to the height of 21,400 feet; but beyond the frontier of that State, and eastward through Algiers and Tunis, they seldom exceed 3000 or 4000 feet; and in the territory of Tripoli they sink into lower eminences, and gradually subside to that dat sterile surface which characterises Northern Africa.

Between the mountains and the sea is a tract of level, well-watered and fertile country, from 50 to 100 miles in width: this is the most productive and best inhabited portion of Barbary. South of the mountains, and between them and the great desert, is another tract, dry and sandy; this, however, derives a certain degree of fertility from the various small streams poured down from the Atlas: it is particularly fruitful in dates, which grow in such abundance that the inhabitants subsist nearly altogether upon them. This region is usually denominated

ants subsist nearly altogether upon them. This region is usually denominated Bled el Jerid, or the dry country.

In Barbary, vegetation is vigorous and exuberant; all the firsts of Southern Europe come to perfection; the excellence of the olive is particularly noted; the vine flourishes, though the religious system of the natives deters them from converting the grape into wine, even for exportation. Wheat and barley are the grains usually cultivated, and, notwithstanding the imperfection of the cultivation, such is the fertility of the soil and the want of a manufacturing population to consume its produce, that a large surplus accumulates in every State, which forms, when permitted, the staple article of export.

The trade of the Barbary States is limited; the exports consisting chiefly in the raw produce of the soil. In ancient times the African coast formed the granary of the Roman Empire; and its corn continued to find a copiese market in Southern Europe till its exportation was prehibited by the abund policy of all the Barbary States except Tunia; even there, it is leaded with heavy imposts.

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The most active commerce of the Barbary States is that by the caravans with the interior country south of the great desert. Tripoli sends hers by Fezzan to Bornou and Houssa, and thence to the southward as far as Ashars be; Tunis by Cadamis; and Tuat to Timbuctoo; Morocco across the broadest part of the desert to the same city, and to the countries on the Senegal. Into these regions the caravants, carry sit, with various articles of Eurocan manufacture.

to the same city, and to the countries on the Senegal. Into these regions the caravans carry salt, with various articles of European manufacture.

The Barbary States, particularly Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli, were formerly engaged in piracy. In their piratical expeditions they exhibited the utmost cour-

age and fierceness, and their captives were generally subjected to the most galling

This territory is occupied by several distinct races. The Moors chiefly inhabit the towns: they are generally of middle stature, and are of all alades of complexion, from their frequent intercourse with their negro slaves; they have few amusements, and think it a crime to have a book. They are devoted Mahometans, and hate and despise the Jews and Christians most heartily. The Arabs, originally from the great desert, overspread the plains, live in tents, usually pitched in a circle, called Danairs and follows a restoral life: they are hearitable and when a circle, called Donars, and follow a pastoral life: they are hospitable, and when they promise may be trusted. They are alightly made and under the middle size. The Berbers and Shilluks inhabit the mountain range of the Atlas: the former the north-eastern part, and the latter the south-west: their occupation is mostly that of huntsmen: they also cultivate the ground and rear many bees, and are probably the aborigines of the country, having been driven to the mountains by the incursions of the Arabs and Moors. The next class are the Jews; of these there are great numbers, who are much despised, taxed, and abused, and are permitted to engross almost every species of lucrative trade and commerce. They coin the money, are the principal mechanics, and transact the greater part of the business.

Many of them acquire great wealth, which they carefully conceal lest their rapacious rulers should rob them of it:

Of the population of the Barbary States only a very loose calculation can be made; it has been variously stated by different writers at from 10,000,000 to 14,000,000: the following estimate conforms to the first stated number: Morobeo, 6,000,000; Algiers, 1,900,000; Tunis, 1,500,000; and Tripoli, 600,000; in all 10,000,000.

MOROCCO.

Monocco, the most westerly, is also the most extensive and important, of the Barbary States. It has two coasts: one along the Mediterranean facing the north, the other and larger along the Atlantic, looking to the west. The loftiest part of the chain of Atlas runs parallel to these coasts, changing its direction along with them, and leaving an intermediate plain, finely watered and not surpassed in natural fertility by any part of the globe. Beyond the range of Atlas, however, Morocco includes a more arid region, named Tafilet, unfit for grain, but yielding the finest dates in the world, and rearing a breed of goats whose skins afford the material for the fine morocco leather.

The political and social state of Morocco is rude and degrading. possesses a power more despotic than any other even of the Mahometan potentates. He is not held in check by a musti, an ulema, or even a council or divan. He is supposed to possess a divine character, and to be superior to all Ir. One emperor, being reminded of a promise, said, "Takest thou me to be an invitel, that I must be the slave of my word?" Yet this monarch must pay respect to long-established usages and institutions; must not invade the domestic privacy of any of his subjects; and must even give public audience four times a week to administer justice to all who may appeal to him from the cadi, or local governor. The revenue is collected in kind in the proportion of a tenth of grain, and a twentieth of cattle, which, aided by fines and the pell ax upon Jews, amounts to about £1,000,000 sterling.

Industry and commerce have in Morocco a very limited range The only imortant manufacture is that of the leather which bears its name. One tannery in

the capital employs, it is said, 1500 persons; and though the processes are slovenly, a fine colour is produced, which Europeans are unable to imitate.

The outrageous piracy formerly exercised by the Moors, on the commerce of European nations, has entirely ceased. The power of the empire has also declined, and there seems to be no improvement in the condition of the people.

In 1844, France declared war against Morocco, because of depredations committed on French subjects, and for the aid granted to Abdel Kader, in his contest

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Morocco, the capital, is situated on a very extensive and naturally fruitful plair, above which rises abruptly, covered with perpetual snow, one of the loftices ranges of Atlas. The mosques are numerous, and several of them present strainly specimens of Arabian architecture, particularly that called El Koutouben, the towar of which is 230 feet high. Of the eleven gates, one is richly sculptured in the Moorish style. The place forms an oblong of 1500 by 600 gards, divided into enclosures, where, surrounded by gardens, are the pavilies of the soveriegh, his principal officers and ladies. The floors are tessellated with variously coloured tiles; but a mat, a small carpet and custions, compose the entire furniture. Beautiful gardens surround the city, and spacious aqueducts, conveying water from the dilas, twenty miles distant, bear testimony to a superior state of the arts in for-

For, situated in the more northerly province of the same name, is a place of high celebrity, and ranked long as the splordid and enlightened metropolis of the same of Edris, and rose to such magnitude, that Leo, is the twelfth century, describes it, though doubtless with some exaggeration, as containing 790 mesques, of which they were magnificent and adorned with marble pillars. Its schools and its bat, is were a singular mixture of splendour and ruin; and, amid the usual defects of Matematan cities, the splendour being almost confined to the interior of the house, it is still an agreeable place. For is still not without some of the sciences which farmerly rendered it illustrious; but they are nearly confined to the Koran and its commentators, a slight tincture of grammar and logic, and some very imperfect astronomical observations. The population, respecting which authors greatly vary, is probably rather under than above 100,000. Mequines, to the west of For, has risen to importance by having been made the residence of the sovereign. The seraglio, or palace, consists of a most extensive quadrangular enclosure, though the mansions which it contains are only one story high. The citizens are said to be more polished and hospitable, and the females bandsomer, than in the other cities of Morocco. The population seems extremely uncertain. It is asserted that the emperor has in his treasury in this city money, button, and jewels, to the amount of \$50,000,000.

The sea-ports of Morocco, though they have lost the greatness formerly derived from sommerce and piracy, are still not inconsiderable. Mogadore, the most southerly, and the nearest to the capital, is now the chief emporium of the intercourse with Europe. It was founded only in 1760, by the emperor Sidi Mohammed, who spared no pains in raising it to importance. Being composed of houses of white stone, it makes a flue appearance from the sea; but the interior presents the usual gloom of Moorish cities, and is chiefly enlivened by the residences of the European merchants and consuls. The country round is almost a desert of sand; water is reacco, and provisions must be brought from the distance of several miles. The cogulation is reckoned at about 10,000. Saffi, or Azaffi, a very ancient town, with a fine harbour, though also in a barren country, was the chief seat of European commerce till the monopolising preference of the emperor transferred it to Mogadore. Saffi is still supposed to retain a population of 12,000. Mazagan, a small well-built place, of 2000 inhabitants, was in the possession of the Portuguese till 1770. Azamore, formerly a great town, and with walls a mile and a balf in cir-

cuit, is now deserted and crumbling into ruin: it has 3000 people.

Farther north, on the opposite sides of a small river, are the immentant towns of Sallee and Rabat. Sallee, once the terror of the seas, whence said such bands of pirates and rovers, the seat of action, riot, and bustle, in the still and lifeless. It continues, however, to be surrounded by a water lifely high, and in its mosques, arches, and continues the surrounded by a water lifely high, and in its mosques, arches, and continues of its commerce has been makedy transferred across the river to Rabat, or New Sallee. This place, when we like from without,

presents a pictureaque grouping of minarete, palm-trees, ruined walls, and old mosques, near which are conspicuous its veherable and battlemented Kassubah, or citadel, and the lofty tower of Sma Hassan. The interior retains still some activity, and the markets are well supplied. Population, 18,000, of whom 3000 are Jews. Larache was once a flourishing European and Christian town; but the churches are now converted into mosques. It has been made the imperial arsenal, and is very strong towards the sea. Tangier, on the straits, was in 1662 ceded by Portugal to England, which abandoned it in 1684. It derives its chief present importance from the permission granted by the emperor to supply Gibraltar with provisions, and from the residence of European consuls. In 1844, it was bombarded by a French fleet, commanded by the Prince de Joinville. Tetuan, the only port within the Mediterranean, is allowed to carry on some intercourse with the English, whose vessels often take in supplies there on their way up the Mediterranean.

ALGIERS, OR ALGERIA.

ALGIERS comprises an extensive range of coast, lying between 2° W. and about 9° E. longitude; and thus extending '00' miles in length. The breadth of the inland territory is variously estimated at from 100 to 150 miles.

The territory of Algiers is greatly distinguished by natural fertility. With the exception of some arid and rocky plains, it consists of valleys covered with rich pastures, fitted for the best kinds of European grain, blooming with the orange and the myrtle, and producing olives, figs, and grapes of peculiar excellence. Yet the indolence of the people, the oppression of the government, and the want of good roads, have caused three-fourths of the country to be left uncultivated. Their oil, wine, and butter are all of inferior quality. They are not, however, wholly destitute of manufacturing industry. Skins are prepared and coloured almost as well as in Morocco. Their bonnets, shawls, and handkerchiefs are in request throughout the Levant. Baskets of palm-leaves, and mats of junk, are fashioned with singular elegance. Essence of roses is prepared with a skill little to be expected; but there is an extensive demand for the article in the voluptuous palaces of the East. The trade, before the French invasion, was almost entirely in the hands of the Jews, and consisted in the export of these manufactures, and of some grain, oil, wax, fruits, and wool. The Algerines took, in return, light cloths, glass, and toys, but showed a great preference for fire-arms and powder; while the European merchants have been reproached, not only for supplying them with these articles, but even for purchasing the proceeds of their piratical expeditions. From the peculiar condition of the country, the present state of its trade and commerce cannot be ascertained with precision. The population of Algeria is estimated at about 2,000,000 souls.

The late government of Algiers was a tumultuary despotism. The army, comprising about 15,000 Turks, long domineered over the country. These troops frequently strangled the De.'s., electing in their stead the boldest and bravest of their number. The corsairs, or pirates, formed a separate body, carrying on their barbarous employment under the sanction of the prince, who received a large share of the slaves and booty. These marauders at length received a severe chastisement from the Americans in 1815, and also from the English in the following year. Again, after they had for some time set the French at defiance, that nation in 1830 fitted out a formidable expedition, by which Algiers was captured. The Dey was dethroned and banked, and the country became a colony of France. The French have as yet received little or ne advantage from the conquest. The continued hostility of the 'atomor tribes under Abdel Kader and other chiefs, render the presence of an array of 60,000 or 80,000 men constantly necessary, and the expense of the occupation over the revenue, up to 1844, is estimated at \$100,000,000. The annual imports, chiefly for the array, amount to \$6,500,000, and the expents to about the

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Algiers, the capital, is built on the declivity of an eminence facing the Meditarranean, and rising by successive stages above each other, with loftier hills above: it makes thus a magnificent appearance. On entering the city, however, all this

eauty disappears; and it is found a labyrinth of steep, narrow, and dirty lanes. There are, however, several splendid edifices, particularly the palace of the Dey, and the principal mosques. The French have made considerable improvements since the conquest; they have widened many of the streets, and given them French names; constructed many new buildings, both public and private; many new stores have been opened, and Algiers is now a half European and half Moorish city. It is the residence of the French governor-general, and of a Roman Catholic between the control of bishop. Population, in 1844, 60,000, one-half of which was European. An ample supply of ships, artillery and ammunition, besides 82,000,000 in money, fell into the hands of the captors. The fortifications towards the sea are very strong, but on the land side by no means formidable. A strong garrison is always maintained.

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In the western quarter of the Algerine territory, the most distinguished place Tremesen, or Tiemsen, once the capital of a powerful kingdom, still containing about 20,000 inhabitants, situated in a beautiful and finely watered district. Mas arout 20,400 innoviants, situated in a beautiful and finely watered district. Maserara, about a mile in circuit, on the face of a mountain which commands the view of a fertile and well-cultivated plain, is an agreeable but ill-built city. Oran, on the sea-coast, long a subject of contention between the Moors and the Spaniards, remained in possession of the latter people till 1792. The fortifications have been injured by earthquakes; but the spacious magazines built of stone remain entire. It has a roadstead with good anchorage, but so exposed that vessels are obliged to land their cargoes at the point of Mers el Keber, about a mile from the city. The inhabitants are now about 4000.

In the eastern part of this territory, Constantina ranks second to Algiers, and is supposed to contain about 25,000 inhabitants. It is boldly situated on a rock, precipitous on one side, where it overhangs the broad stream of the Rummell. The surrounding country is fine. The site, however, is distinguished by splendid monuments of antiquity; and the ground in one place is entirely covered with the remains of broken walls, columns, and cisterns. Boujeiah, celebrated as a strong and piratical sea-port, retains still marks of the breaches made upon the walls in 1671, when it was stormed by Sir Edward Sprague. The fortifications are now barely sufficient to hold the wandering Arabs in check; but it derives some importance from its iron manufactures, and the export of wax and oil. Bona was in modern times the chief settlement of the French African Company, which they lost during the revolutionary war. It derives consequence from the coral fishery carried on in its vicinity; and the same cause gives value to La Cala and the seighbouring island of Tabarca, which were also long in possession of the French.

TUNIS.

Tunns has a territory very differently situated from that of Algiers. From the frontier of that country, the coast continues to extend eastward, with a slight inclination to the north, till it reaches Cape Bona, the most northerly point of Africa. It then makes a sudden bend southward, and, with some windings, follows that direction as far as Cape Zerbi, for a space of about 250 miles. This coast, with the country reaching for upwards of 100 miles inland, composes the territory of Tunis. It is not so extensive as that of Algiers; but it is not so closely hemmed in by the branches of the Atlas, not are they so steep or so lofty; and there intervenes between them and the sea a spacious plain, watered by the noble river Bagrada, or Mejerda, and profusely covered with all the riches of culture and vegetation. The people, also, though composed essentially of the same elements those of Algiers, have imbibed a considerably greater share of polish and civibiration. The situation of the territory, projecting into the Mediterranean, and at an easy distance from the finest shores of southern Europe, fitted it to be the seat of the most celebrated commercial republic of antiquity. Carthage, by her commerce, rose to such grandeur as to dispute with Rome the empire of the world; and, even after being completely vanquished, and her walls leveller with the ground, she continued one of the chief Roman cities, and the capital of the African provinces.

The sity of Tunis, only ten miles south-west from the site of Carthage, and of the same spacious hay, possesses all the advantages which raised that city to out a height of prosperity. It is, in fact, the largest place in Barbary, the population a height of prosperity. It is, in fact, the largest place in Barbary, the population being estimated at from 100,000 to 150,000. This city has entirely renounced its piratical habits, and applied itself to several branches of useful industry. There are extensive manufactures of velvets, silk stuffs, and the red caps generally work in the Levant. The exportation of grain, absurdly prohibited in the other ports on this coast, is allowed under a tickery, or license from the dey.

The Tunisian olive oil, wool, and soap, are largely exported. There is also a considerable traffic with interior Africa for its staples of gold, ivory, and ostrich feathers. Tunis takes a variety of European manufactures, East India stuffs, and colonial produce. Of the other cities of Tunis, the chiof is Kairwan, founded by the Saracens, and long the capital of their possessions in Northern Africa.

Tozer, on the Lake of Lowdeah, is only a large village, but enriched by trade with the country of dates and interior Africa. On the north coast, Porte Farnin, near which are the ruins of Utica, and Bizerta, have both some trade in grain a

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near which are the ruins of Utica, and Bizerta, have both some trade in grain; though the fine harbour of the latter is now so choked up as to allow only small vessels to enter. Of the towns on the coast, reaching southward from Tunis, Monasteer and Cabes are distinguished by a flourishing modern trade, which gives to the one a population of 12,000, and to the other of 20,000. Sfax carries on traffic on a smaller scale; and the island of Zerbi is noted for manufacturing industry. Near El Jem are the remains of a magnificent amphitheatre.

TRIPOLI.

Tairout presents a different aspect, and one by no means so grateful and smiling as the western regions of Barbary. That great mountain range, which has diffused through them verdure and fertility, terminates, and the great plain of sand which generally covers Northern Africa present close upon the cultivated territory. The district in which the city stands forms only an oasis, and one not very extensive; and he who takes his departure from it in any direction finds himself soon in the heart of the desert. Tripoli thus cannot equal the other capitals of Barbary, and its population is not supposed to exceed 25,000. Even this is supported rather by commerce and industry, than by the limited productions of the soil. It is, however, the chief theatre of the intercourse with Bornou and Houses. the most fertile countries in the interior of Africa; over which it exercises even a species of dominion. Fezzan, the great emporium of the carayan trade, is tributary to the pacha; and he possesses a powerful influence over the courts of Kouka and Sockatoo. This prince has shown a more enlightened spirit, a greater desire to cultivate intercourse with the European powers, and to introduce the improvements of civilized life, than any other in Barbary. A singular absence of that jealousy which usually actuates Mahometan courts, has been displayed in the welcome given to the British expeditions of discovery, and the zeal displayed promoting their objects. Tripoli cannot be called a fine city; yet its palace, an the generality of its mosques, have some beauty; and there is a triumphal arch

and several other interesting remains of antiquity.

To the eastward of Tripoli, and in its close vicinity, begins a droary portion of the Great Desert of Africa. A few days, however, bring the traveller to the district of Lebda, or the ancient Leptis Magna, where thick groves of clive and date trees are seen rising above the villages, and a great space is covered with luxuriant crops of grain. A similar country continues to Mesurata, to the east of which is also a plain singularly fertile. Mesurata carries on a manufactury of carpets, and correspond to the second comments of the plain comments of desolate expanse of the Syrtis. Stretching around the Guif of Sidra, or Syr s, for 400 miles, it presents an almost tenantless and desolate waste, except occasionally some little valleys or detached spots traversed by the

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Barca commences at the termination of the Gulf of Sidra, and exhibits a very improved aspect. It is traversed by a steep and high ridge abounding in springs, which, according to Arab report, amount to 360, and sprinkle the surrounding desert with valleys of the most brillion various and strillity. On this coast the Greeks founded Cyrene, on the coast flourishing colonies. At present it is abandoned by all civilized and the chair out flourishing colonies. At present it is abandoned by all civilized and factious nations, and, with the exception of a few poor villages, is completed exclusively by the wandering Arab with their flocks and herds. Rengará, the Berenice of the Ptolomies, is now only a miserable village. Every trace of the ancient city appears to have been buried under the ands of the screening desert. The range of valleys, however, cast of Bengazi, is singularly picture oque, their sides being in many places steep and rocky; yet every cleft is filled with a brilliant vegetation.

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was taken by General Eaton, in 1805.

Eastwood from this point, extends the ancient Marmarice, a bleak region crowded with bests and birds of prey, where human existence is indicated only by the bleating Accks and the dark tent of the Arab. Yet there is cultivation in favoured spot, and the traces of cisterns and canals of irrigation mark the former existence of a civilized and even somewhat numerous people. The population of the whole region eastward from Tripoli is perhaps 100,000.

EGYPT.

Esers, formerly a mighty empire, the seat of a high civilization, the land of wonderful creations of human power, and an object of endless curiosity to the philosophic inquirer, lies between 22° and 32° N. lat., and 27° and 34° E. lon. It is bounded on the north by the Mediterranean Sea; on the east by the Red Sea and by Arabiz, with which it is connected by the Isthmus of Sues; on the south by Nubia, and on the west by Barca and the Great Desert. It contains about 200,000 square miles, of which only about 17,000 square miles in the Valley of the Nile (600 miles long, and from 12 to 25 broad) are susceptible of cultivation. The population is estimated at about 2,500,000. It is divided into Upper Egypt,

Middle Egypt, and Lower Egypt, including the fertile Delta. These are again divided into 12 province, each of which is governed by a bey.

Three chains of mountains run through the country. The Nile flows through it in a northerly direction. This river, the most remarkable in the world, forms the principal feature of this region. From the high chain of Abyasinia, and from the still loftier Mountains of the Moon that traverse Central Africa, descend numercus and ample streams, which long before entering Egypt units in forming this great river. Although the Nile, in its whole progress of 1600 miles through Nubia and Egypt, does not receive the accession of a single rivulet, it brings so vast an original store as enables it to reach and pour a mighty stream into the Mediterranean. In the lower part of it course, the Nile is on a level with the district which it intersects, and, when alled by the autumnal rains of Central Africa, overflows it entirely. The ware spin or rise about the 18th or 19th of June, attain their greatest height in September, and abside as gradually as they rose, and within an equal space of time. The lattus covered with the fertilizing alluvial deposit collected during so lengthened a course, becomes the most productive perhaps on the face of the globe; and notwithstanding its limited ex-tent, and the mighty wastes on which it borders, has always maintained a nu-

merous population.

Lake Moria, so celebrated in antiquity, is at present called Birket Karun, and is almost dried up: there are others, especially the Natron, or Salt Lakes. The

EGYPT.

climate is in general hot, and is moderate in Lower Egypt only. The great heat produces the rankest vegetation. The simoom, a formidable south wind, which blows at intervals during the first 50 days after the varnal equinox; the plague and ophthalmia, are the peculiar torments of Egypt. It has but two seasons spring and summer: the latter lasts from April to November. During this period the sky is always clear, and the weather hot. In the spring, the nights are cool and refreshing.

The greater part of the land is arid, and covered with burning sands; but wherever the waters of the Nile are conducted in canals beyond the natural limits of their overflow, the earth becomes fertile, and fruits thrive with great

A remarkable change has of late years taken place in the climate of this country. Formerly, it searcely ever rained, and only for a short time at Alexandria; now it rains there for 30 or 40 days annually; and sometimes after the middle of October it does not cease for five or six days together. At Cairo, instead of a few drops falling, and those rarely, there are from fifteen to twenty rainy days every winter. It is supposed that this change of climate is owing to the immense plantations of the pacha, twenty millions of trees having been planted below Cairo. The contrary effect has been produced in Upper Egypt, by the destruction of the trees there.

The projects of Egypt are corn, rice, millet, melous, sugar-cane, papyrus, flax and hemp, saffron, indigo, aloes, jalap, coloquintide, cardamom, cotton; and palm-groves, sycamores, tamarinds, cassia, acacias, &c., cover the country. There is not a great variety of garden flowers, but roses are raised in large quantities, especially in the marshy Fayoum, and rose-water forms an important article of export. The soil consists of lime, with numerous shells and petrifactions: it contains marble, alabaster, perphyry, jasper, granite, common salt, ratron, salt-petre, alum, &c.

The people consist of Copts (embracing, at most, 30,000 families), Arabs (who are the most numerous, and are divided into Fellahs or peasants, and Bedouins, the wandering tribes of the desert), and Turks, the ruling people. The Mamelukes have been divien out of the country, and nearly exterminated. Besides these, there are Jewa, Greeks, Armenians, &c. The Egyptian generally has a

these, there are Jewa, Greeks, Armenians, &c. The Egyptian generally has a second, active frame; tawny complexion, gay disposition, and a good heart, and is not levoid of capacity. He is temperate and religious, but superstitions. The prevailing religion is that of Mahommed, and the prevailing language the Arabic. The inhalitants devote themselves to agriculture, the raising of bees and poultry, the preparation of rose-water and sal ammoniac, the manufacturing of leather,

The inhalitants devote themselves to agriculture, the raising of bees and poultry, the preparation of rose-water and sal ammoniac, the manufacturing of leather, flax, hemp, silk and cotton, carpets, glass, and potters' ware, and carry on an important commerce. Constantinople is supplied with grain from Egypt, which when a Roman province, was called the granary of Rome. The coasting-trade is considerable. Alexandria, Damietta, and Suez, are the principal harbours, and much inland traffic is carried on, chiefly with Syria, Arabia, and Western Africa. By the destruction of the Mameluke chiefs, in 1811, Mahomet Ali, who had

By the destruction of the Mameluke chiefs, in 1811, Mahomet Ali, who had been appointed Pacha of Egypt five years before by the Porte, profiting by the distractions of the Ottoman empire, made himself an independent ruler. He then conquered Cyprus, Candia, Sennaar, Kordofan, and Syria, besides Mocca, Medina, and Yemen, in Arabis. In 1840 he was compelled, by the intervention of Great Britain, Russia, Austria, and Prussia, to relinquish Syria to his old master, but was confirmed in the government of Egypt and his other provinces.

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The territories of the Pacha extend from Abyssinia to the Mediterranean Sea, 1400 miles, and from the Strait of Babelmandel to the confines of Syria, almost 1600 miles. This new empire, though less important since the retrocession of Syria, is still more extensive than that of the Mameluke Sultans, the Ptolomics or. the Pharaohs, and contains 6,000,000 inhabitants, of which number Egypt itself comprises 2,500,000. The Egyptian army is powerful and efficient; it amounts to 127,286 men, and has been organized and disciplined in the European manner. The navy consists of 11 ships of the line, 7 frigates, 11 smaller vessels, and 3 steam-ships, and is manned by 16,000 sailors.

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a nun, and The Mahomed All is particularly attentive to the public security; he allows no one to be molested on account of his religion; and strangers may travel from one end of Egypt to the other with perfect safety. He encourages every species of industry, and is studying to introduce the arts, sciences, and improvements of Europe into his empire. He is, however, the absolute lord of the soil and its productions, and is also the principal merchant; and no one can deal with foreigners without his consent. His revenue is about 25,000,000 dollars annually, derived from taxes of various kinds, duties on imports, and the sale of cotton, indigo, sugar, rice, &c., which he monopolizes; purchasing those articles at a low rate from his subjects, and selling them at a great advance to foreigners.

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The government of Mahomed Ali is thus extremely despotic; and notwithstanding the advances that have been made towards civilization, the mass of the people are greatly oppressed by the heavy exactions and severe duties required of them. When recruits are wanted for the public service, the villages are often surrounded by soldiers, the mostable-bodied of the men are dragged from their families, loaded with chains, on the least reluctance being expressed, and sent to the army or navy. Still, Egypt, depressed and degraded under the government of the Mamelukes and Turks, has been raised by the energetic administration of its present ruler, to a degree of distinction that the country has not enjoyed for ages; and though by means, in some instances, not the most creditable, yet he has founded an empire of such importance as to excite the attention and command the respect of the most powerful European States.

Egypt abounds in the most remarkable antiquities. The pyramids are perhaps the most actonishing monuments of human labour. That of Cheops, which is the largest, is 480 feet high, with a square base of 683 feet in extent, consisting chiefly of a solid mass of masoury. There are extensive catacombs existing in various places, from which mummies, or embalmed bodies, are obtained. Some of these were deposited 3000 or 4000 years ago.

At Thebes, in Upper Egypt, are remains which are calculated to fill the beholder with astonishment. Almost the whole extent of eight miles along the river is covered with magnificent portals, obelisks decorated with sculpture, forests of columns, and long avenues of colossal statues. One of the temples is a mile and a half in circumference. It has 12 principal entrances; the body of the temple consists of a prodigious hall or portico; the reof is supported by 134 columns. Four beautiful obelisks mark the entrance to the shrine, a place of sacrifice, which contains three apartments built entirely of granite. The temple of Luxor probably surpasses in beauty and splendour all the other ruins of Egypt. In front are two of the finest obelisks in the world: they are of rose-coloured marble, 100 feet in height. But the objects which most attract attention are the sculptures, which cover the whole of the northern front. They contain, on a great scale, a representation of a victory gained by one of the ancient kings of Egypt over his Asiatic enemies. The number of human figures introduced amounts to 1500; 500 on foot, and 1006 in chariots. Such are some of the remains of a city which perished long before the records of authentic history begin. Its story is recorded only in the dim lights of poetry and tradition, which might be suspected of fable, did not these mighty witnesses remain to attest their veracity.

Cairo, the chief city, stands on the eastern side of the Nile, 10 miles above the Delta. The houses are built of stone and brick, with terraces and flat roofs, and the windows are often glazed with coloured glass. There is a prodigious number of gardens in the city. The mosques are covered with Arabesque ornaments and adorned with handsome minarets. The waters of the river are received by canals into a great number of docks, or artificial ponds in different parts of the city. Cairo is the most populous city of Africa, and has a flourishing trade with the interior by caravans. The population, is about 240,000.

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Alexandria stands upon the Mediterranean, and has a double harbour. Its site is a narrow neck of land between Iake Marcotis and the sea. It communicates with the western arm of the Nile by a canal. This city was founded by Alexander the Great, and soon rose to wealth and greatness. It was the capital of the Ptolemies, and for science and literature was second only to Rome. It contained

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at one time 600,000 inhabitants. After its capture by the Saracens, it began to decline, and the discovery of the passage to India by the Cape of Good Hope destroyed its commercial importance. At present it consists of narrow, crocked, and dirty streets, and lofty buildings, and is surrounded by a high stone wall. It has considerable commerce, and its markets are well supplied. Population, 60,000. An immense accumulation of ruins, mostly buried in the sand, Pompey's pillar, Cleopatra's needles, the cisterns, catacombs, and columns, some entire and some broken, scattered here and there, are the sad remains of this once rich and splendid city. Pompey's pillar is a very remarkable monument, 96 feet high. Cleopatra's needles are two obelisks, one thrown down and the other standing, 56} feet long, and seven feet broad on each side at the base. They are composed each of a single block of granite covered with hieroglyphics. The catacombs are very extraordinary monuments: they begin at the extremity of the old city, and extend a considerable distance along the coast, forming what was anciently called the "City of the Dead." They consist of grottoes cut in the rocks; each one that has been opened has been found to contain three coffins.

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Rosetta stands on a branch of the Nile, four miles from its mouth. It is completely environed in groves of orange, sycamore, date, banans, and other trees. The city had a considerable trade. The population has lately dwindled from 25,000 to 4000. The growth of Alexandria has caused Rosetta to decay. Damietta is situated between the eastern branch of the Nile and the Lake of

Mensaleh, 10 miles from the sea. The houses are all white, and are built in a crescent around a bend of the river. The appearance of the town is beautifully pictures jue, and the country in the neighbourhood is the most fertile and best cultivated in Egypt. Here are vast magazines of rice belonging to the government. The commerce of the place is very active. Population, 25,000.

Suez, on the shore of the isthmus of that name, on the Red Sea, has a large

trade with Arabia by caravans and vessels. It is surrounded by a sandy desert. Population, 1500. Cosseir is a seaport on the Red Sea, and has some trade in corn. The country around it is a desert. Kenneh, on the Nile, west of Cosseir, is a place of considerable trade. Thebes, Luxor, Esneh, and many others, are remarkable for their antiquities.

NUBIA.

Numa is an extensive region lying south of Egypt, and extending to the confines of Abyesinia. It is bounded on the west by the Great Desert, and on the east by the Red Sea: nearly the whole country is composed of rocky and sandy deserts. The atmosphere is extremely dry, the summer hot, the climate healthy, and the plague unknown: the whole region, together with Kordofan, adjoining it on the south-west, is now subject to Mahommed Ali, the Pacha of Egypt, being conquered by him a few years since, in consequence of which some changes are already apparent in the character of the people. The various Arab tribes who reside in the deserts of Nubia, and who were constantly at war with each other, are no longer fierce and turbulent, but are reduced to complete subjection under the iron sway of the ruler of Egypt: they pay him an annual tribute, and are obliged to furnish such camels and guides for the use of government and of travellers as may be required. Europeans can now traverse, under the protection of the Pacha, the whole region from Egypt to the confines of Abysainia with compa-

rative safety.

The divisions of Nubia are Kenous Nouba and Dar Mahass, in the north, the kingdom of Dongola, in the centre, south of which are the districts of Dar Sheygya, Shendy, and the kingdom of Sennaar; the sovereign of the latter, called the Mek, is at present a pensioner of Mahommed Ali. The capital of the same name, once estimated to contain 100,000 inhabitants, is now deserted and in ruins, the inhabitants having abandoned it since the Egyptian conquest. Another division is that of Beja, extending along the coast of the Red Sea, of which the port of Sunkem is the chief town on the Nile, are the small towns of Shendy, El Makarif,

Old Dongola, New Dongola, and Derr, each containing from 3000 to 4000 inhabitants.

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The little fertility which Nubia possesses is artificial, being produced by raising the water of the Nile, by means of wheels worked with oxen, to the level of the highest banks: in this way a strip of land of from one-eighth of a mile to half a mile in breadth is rendered productive, on which is cultivated dhourn, a coarse species of grain, barley, cotton, tobacco, and indigo; the latter is manufactured for the benefit of the Pacha, who monopolises, as in Egypt, the whole trade and commerce of the country. The trade from the interior, which passes through Nubia to Egypt, consists mostly of slaves, gold, and ivory; that from Egypt and

Arabia, European goods, arms, &c.

The people of this region are of two classes; the inhabitants of the towns similar to the Berbers of Mount Atlas, are generally a handsome race, well made, strong, and muscular; the females are modest and pleasing in their demeanour. The inhabitants of the desert are all of Arab origin, and in their manners, customs, and person, resemble the same people in other quarters. One of the most remarkable features of this region consists in the numerous remains of antiquity, found chiefly on the west side of the Nile; some of these rival the monuments of Thebes. The Egyptian edifices consist of masonry: those of Nubia are either under ground or are dug out of the solid rock. One of the most magnificent is that of Ebsambul, in a state of complete preservation, rising immediately from the bank of the river, and cut out of a perpendicular cliff; in front and near it are statues of colossal size, supposed, when perfect, to have measured 60 or 70 feet in height. At El Bellal, near Merawe in the district of Dar Sheygya, are the remains of numerous temples, pyramids, &c.

The territory of Sennaar, bordering on Abyssinia, does not altogether partake of the barrenness so general in the greater part of Nubia; some portious of it are comparatively fertile, being watered by the tropical rains which are here considerable, though not so violent as in regions immediately under the equator. Through their influence the country in August and September assumes a verdant and delightful aspect, and a number of lakes are formed. On the cessation of the rains the dhourra ripens and the country acquires a yellow appearance. Soon afterwards the lakes dry up, the soil becomes parched, all the beauty disappears, and bare scorched Nubia returns, with its hot winds and moving sands, glowing and ventilated with sultry blasts. Although Sennaar produces abundantly dhourra, millet, rice, and even wheat, it yields few commodities fitted for trade. The only intercourse consists in the transit trade from interior Africa to Egypt and Arabia.

Beyond Sennaar is Fazuclo, a hilly territory, forming a province of that country. Farther south is Bokki, noted for its gold. To the west, along the Bahr el Abiad, dwell the Shilluk Negroes, who conquered Sennaar in 1504; many of them live on the islands in the river, which are here very numerous. The Shilluks are men of vest size and strength, and wonderful stories are told by their neighbours of their prowess in attacking the hippopotamus and crocodile in the water, which they seldom fair to overcome. They have numerous canoes which they manage with great skill, and form expeditions against their neighbours, both up and down the river. The Denka, rather farther up the Bahr el Abiad, were originally the same people, but they are now constantly at war with one another; both possess great quantities of cattle; they are armed with long spears, which they do not throw, but, crouching behind their shields, wait the approach of their enemy.

ABYSSINIA.

ABYSELINIA, though it has imbibed some elements of civilization, has scarcely any intercourse with the civilized world. On the east, it is supposed to be bounded by the Red Sea, with which, however, the proper domain of Abyssinia comes in contact only in one point; on the north, it communicates with Sennaar; on the west, with the Shilluss and the Denka; on the south, with the Mahometan king-

dom of Adel; but the greater part of these two last frontier lands consists of wild regions occupied by the Galla, who always ravaged, and have recently conquered, a large portion of the Abyssinian monarchy. It is difficult even to guess the dimensions of a region of which there are no fixed limits, measurements, or surveys; but somewhere between 700 and 800 miles from east to west, by 500 or 600 from north to south, may form a tolerable approximation.

Abyssinia is a country of mountains, intersected by deep and extensive valleys. A lofty range, called Lamalmon, bars the entrance from the Red Sea. The mountains of Samen, between the Tacazze and the Coror, are still more elevated. To these may be added the mountains of Gojam, Efat, and Amid-Amid, supposed to be a branch of the Mountains of the Moon. The height of some of the summits has been estimated, but with doubtful accuracy.

The Bahr el Azek, or Blue River, rises in the country of the Adows, and flows through the Lake Dembea into Sennaar, where it joins the Nile. This is the stream whose source was discovered by Bruce, and considered by him as the main branch of the Nile. The Taccazze is another stream, falling into the Nile.

The country in general is extremely fertile and productive, where it can be cultivated; and is in a great measure exempted from that empire of sand which dooms so large a portion of Africa to sterility.

Though situated within the torrid zone, the climate of Abyssinia is generally temperate and healthful, but varies with the surface and aspect of the country. In the high and mountainous regions, the inhabitants enjoy a cool and salubrious atmosphere, and a serene sky; while those in the valleys, or in the vicinity of marshes or sandy deserts, languish under excessive heat or a moist and sufficating air. The seasons are divided into wet and dry. The rainy season continues from April to September.

The production of wheat is considerable; teff, a kind of very small grain, is likewise abundant, and affording bread in universal use; tocusso, a plant yielding a kind of black bread for the lower classes; ansete, a plant used as a substitute for grain; honey in abundance; papyrus, balsam, myrrh, and opocalpasum. Salt is an important natural production, found in great quantities on a plain between Masuah and Amphila.

The customs of the Abyssinians are described by Bruce and Salt as exceedingly savage. They eat the raw and still quivering flesh of cattle, whose roaring is to be heard at their feasts. A perpetual state of civil war seems the main cause of their peculiar brutality and barbcvism. Dead bodies are seen lying in the streets, and serve as food to dogs and hyenas. Marriage is there a very slight connexion, formed and dissolved at pleasure; conjugal fidelity is but little regarded. The rulers are unlimited despots in ecclesiastical and civil affairs, disposing of the lives of their subjects at pleasure.

The Abyssinians boast that their country was the Shebs of Scripture, and that it was converted to Judaism several centuries before the Christian era. It is much more certain, that, prior to the middle of the fourth century, the nation was converted to Christianity, which it has ever, since professed. This is, however, more tinctured with Judaism than in the other nations of Christendom. Boys and girls are circumcised; the Mosaic laws in regard to clean and unclean meats are respected; the seventh day is their Sabbath, and their altars have the form of the ark of the covenant. The people of Abyssinia are composed of various tribes and colours. The general tint is olive. They are a graceful, well-formed race, with little of the negro physiognomy. They have long hair, and their features are somewhat of the European cast. The Jews, who form a considerable class, settled here in remote ages, and have nearly the Hebrew language. They are considered as sercerers, and it is believed that they can transform themselves into hysenas. They are generally smiths, weavers, and carpenters. The inhabitants of Tigre are ferocious and unprincipled, but the ferocity and filthiness of the Gallas surpass all description. In their excursions they destroy all human life. They smear themselves with the blood of slaughtered animals, and hang the extrails about their necks. They have been often thought to be negroes, but bear a greater resemblance to the Caffres of Southern Africa than any other peo-

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This country consists of three separate States: Tigre, on the Red Sea; Amhara, in the west; and the kingdom of Shoa, in the south. Three centuries ago, these countries were under a single government. The population of the whole is about 4,500,000. The kingdom of Shoa is the most improved of the Abyssinian States; it has been of late years visited by several European travellers, and an embassy was sent, in 1841, to the king of that country, from Aden, by the East India Company.

Adowa, the capital of Tigre, is the only point of communication with the interior. It has a considerable trade, and the inhabitants are among the most highly civilized of the Abyssinians. Population, 8,000. Antalo, which has for some time been the residence of the Ras, stands upon the side of a mountain, and is supposed to contain a population of 10,000. Axum, the ancient capital, is now in ruins, but is remarkable for its antiquities. Gondar, the capital of Amhara, is three or four leagues in circuit. The houses are built of red stone, and roofed with thatch. It is now in the hands of the Gallas.

THE SAHARA, OR GREAT DESERT.

The Sakara, or Great Desert, forms an immense range of territory, which would, indeed, cover the whole northern half of Africa, but for the partial exemption produced by the mountain range of Atlas, and the course of the Nile. Its actual and almost uninterrupted extent may be stated as from the 15th to the 30th degree of north latitude, and from the 30th of east to the 15th of west longitude. It may thus amount to nearly 3000 miles in length, and 1000 in breadth. This vast expanse, the most dreary and terrible on the face of the earth, forms an obstacle to the intercourse of nations greater than is opposed by the widest oceans. Yet the daring spirit of enterprise has induced human beings to occupy every extremity or corner in which subsistence could by any means be procured; and they have formed routes by which, though amid suffering and deadly peril, regular journeys may be performed across this vast and desolate region. The term Sahara is usually applied to that part of the Great Desert lying westward of and between Fezzan and the Atlantic Ocean.

The surface of the Sahara does not consist entirely of one uniform plain of sand. In the most level tracts it has been blown into heaps or hillocks, steep on one side, which remarkably increase both the dreary aspect of the region, and the difficulties with which the traveller has to contend. In other places it is traversed by dark ranges of naked rock, which sometimes approach so close as to leave only a narrow path for caravans to march through. The terrible spectacle of human bones which strew the ground, and sometimes crackle unexpectedly beneath the tread of the traveller or his camel, lends, at intervals, additional horror to the scene.

The most remarkable and important feature, however, which diversifies the great African desert, consists in the cases. This eastern term, which signifies island, is very appropriately given to those detached spots, over which springs, bursting forth amid the desert, diffuse some partial verdure and fertility. The view of these spots inspires travellers with emotions peculiarly pleasing; sometimes from mere contrast with the encircling desolation, but sometimes also from the peculiarly elegant landscape which they themselves present. They are embellished with flowering shrubs of peculiar beauty; whole tracts are covered with forests of acacia, from which rich gums distil, and with groves of the date and lotus, yielding sweet fruits and berries, which form the food of whole tribes; while mild and graceful animals, chiefly of the antelope species, trip along the meadows.

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little cases, in which dates and a little grain can be reared, and where a few asses and goats, and numerous camels are fed. It is the inland trade, however, that the inhabitants regard as the source of animation and wealth. Fezzan being due south from Tripoli, and about midway between Egypt and Morocco, is the most central point of communication with interior Africa. Through these resources Fezzan is enabled to maintain a population of about 70,000. The sultan is tributary to the bashaw of Tripoli. Mourzuk, in a low unhealthy situation, but well watered, is the residence of the prince, and the chief seat of commerce. It contains remains of stone edifices; but the present structures are poorly built of mud. Zuela Gatrone and Tegerhy are small towns on the eastern frontier. Traghan, near Mourzuk, is an industrious place, with a thriving manufactory of carpets, Sockna, in the desert to the north, on the road from Tripoli, forms a great caravan station.

Tibesty, a country but little known, is situated south-west from Fezzan, and is separated from it by a desert of some extent. Its vales are fertile in corn, and its mountains afford excellent pasturage. The people, rude and ferocious, have been subjected to the control of Fezzan, paying annually to that State 20 camel-loads of senna. There are a few small villages in Tibesty, of which Arna, Aboo, or Boeyra, and Berdai, have been named as the chief. Caravans sometimes pass

through this country from Fezzan to Bergoo, or Waday.

North-east from Fezzan, on the caravan route to Egypt, is Auguela, known upwards of 2000 years ago to the Greeks and Egyptians by almost the same name; it is a dirty ill-built place, about a mile in circuit. There are some fertile spots in its vicinity; the country abounds in dates, and the inhabitants have established some active commercial relations with interior Africa. A few days' journey eastward is Siwah, a deep hollow valley watered by numerous springs, and fertile in dates, the staple product and food of this region. The people, estimated at 1500 to 2000, form a turbulent aristocracy, but derive-some wealth from the continual passage of the caravans. Yet the chief interest which attaches to Siwah, arises from its being supposed to contain the celebrated shrine of Jupiter Ammon.

Gadamis, an easis to the west of Fezzan, derives importance from the passage of the caravans from Tripoli and Tunis to Timbuctoo, though these are not so considerable as those from Fezzan and Morocco. It has the singularity of being divided between two hostile tribes, each enclosed by a separate wall, with a com-

mon gate, which is shut when they are engaged in mutual warfarc.

Tafilet, Draha, and Sejinmessa, to the south of the Atlas, and loosely appended to the empire of Morocco, enjoyed a great celebrity during the middle ages, but have been little heard of in modern times. The caravans to Timbuctoo, which once rendezvoused in this territory, now generally prefer the more westerly route through Suse, by which they avoid the steep passage of the Atlas. These countries, however, are understood to contain many fertile tracts, abounding in excellent dates, and producing a valuable breed of goats. Akka and Tatta are the principal stations from which the caravans take their departure.

The most interior part of the desert, between Fezzan and Central Africa, is chiefly occupied by two native tribes, the Tibboos and the Tuaricks. The former are found on the caravan route to Bornou; the latter, more westerly, on that of

Kano and Kashna.

The Tibboos are nearly as black as the negroes, but with a different physiognomy: their hair is longer and less curled, their stature low, their seatures small, and their eye quick. They subsist on the milk of their camels and the produce of a few verdant spots scattered amid the desert; this they seek to aid by a little trade with Fezzan, and not unfrequently by the plunder of the caravans. They are themselves, however, exposed to a mightier race of spoilers, the Tuaricks, who, at least once a year, make an inroad into their territory, sweeping away every thing, and sparing neither age nor sex. Bilmah, the Tibboo capital, is a mean town, built of earth, and the other villages, of course, inferior. To the south of this town is a desert of thirteen days' journey, perhaps the most dreary on earth. There is neither a drop of water nor a vestige of animal or vegetable

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The Tuaricks, who spread terror through the half of Africa, were considered by Captain Lyon, as to external appearance, the finest race he ever saw; tall. erect, and handsome, with an imposing air of pride and independence. Their skin is not dark, unless where deeply embrowned by exposure to the sun. They hold in contempt all who live in houses and cultivate the ground, deriving their subsistence solely from pasturage, commerce, and plunder, with a considerable pre-ference of the latter pursuit. The chief Tuarick tribes are the Ghraat, in the neighbourhood of Gadamis; the Tagama, who border on Housea; and the Kollnvi, who occupy most of the intermediate territory. They possess, in particular, the kingdom of Agdass, whose capital, of the same name, has been long celebrated as a commercial emporium, and said even to equal Tripoli; but our information

respecting it is very scanty.

In the western region of the desert, the tribes occupying its scattered habitable portions appear to be all Moors or Arabs migrated from Morocco, and who have brought with them their usual pastoral, wandering, warlike, and predatory habits. These last they exercise with a relentless cruelty elsewhere unusual. A splendid booty is frequently opened to them by the vessels which suffer shipwreck on the dreary and dangerous shores of the Sahara, and which are always plundered with the most furious avidity: the only hope of the wretched captives is to be able to tempt their masters, by the promise of a high rausom, to be paid at Mogadore. Yet these dreary regions are animated by the constant passage of the great caravans between Morocco and Timbuctoo. In the most western quarter, also, at Hoden, Tisheet or Tegazza, and Taudeny, are extensive mines of rock salt, an article which is wanting and in extensive demand over all the populous regions of Central Africa. The passage of these caravans, and the formation of depôts of salt, have given to Walet an importance said nearly to equal that of Timbuctoo. Aroan, also in the very heart of the desert, derives from these two trades a population of about 3000 souls. Of these rude wandering tribes, it may be enough to name the Monselmines, Mongearts, Woled Deleym, Lodajas, Woled Abousseba, Braknaks, Trasarts. But the chief state occupied by the Moors is Ludamar, on the frontier of Bambarra, which almost claims the title of kingdom. The bigotry and ferocity of the race were strongly marked by the treatment which Park met with during his captivity. Benown, their capital, is merely a large Arab encampment of dirty, tent-shaped huts. In the heart of the desert, between Gadamis and Timbuctoo, is the district of Tuat, inhabited by a mixture of Arabs and Tuaricks, in no respect better than the rest of the desert tribes. Major Laing sustained among them a signal disaster. Akkably and Ain-el-Saleh, their chief towns, are frequented as caravan stations.

WESTERN AFRICA.

WESTERN AFRICA seems the only general name under which it is possible to comprise that wide range of coast, excluding the Great Desert, which extends along the Atlantic from the Senegal to the river of Benguela. The greater part is known to Europe under the appellation of Guinea, which, however, is confined to the shores of the vast gulf so called, commencing at Cape Mesurado. It even applies most strictly to the northern shores of that gulf, terminating with the rivers of Benin; for the term Lower Guinea, applied to Loango, Congo, and the neighbouring territories, is in much less frequent use. The territories on and between the Senegal and Gambia, are by the French called Senegambia, but these names are all European, and unknown to the natives. The whole region is split into a multitude of states, mostly small, and without any political connexion. There is a general resemblance of climate, nature, aspect, and character, which justifies us in classing them under one head,

The limits of Senegambia, though in general variously defined, may be considered as extending along the coast from the southern edge of the desert to the colony of Sierra Leone, and from the Atlantic Ocean into the interior, embracing the regions watered by the various tributaries of the Senegal and Gambia rivers;

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extending in length about 800, and in breadth where widest, about 700 miles. The country on the coast is much of it flat and marshy, and very unhealthy for Europeans, notwithstanding which, the English, French, and Portuguese, have some small settlements; in the interior are many mountainous districts, mostly about the sources of the great rivers. Senegambia is generally well watered by the Senegal and its numerous branches, and also by the Gambia and Rio Grande. The climate and vegetable productions are such as belong to the equatorial

regions.

This region is inhabited by different tribes, of whom our accounts are very imracter, and manners; they live mostly under petty sovereigns, whose government has no great stability; in general, they are an easy, good-natured race, yet ignorant, barbarous, and degraded. Among these various nations, the Foulahs, Jaloffs, and Mandingoes, are the most numerous; other less prominent races are the Fe-

loops, Naloes, Pagoes, Suscos, Timmanies, &c.
The Foulahs are widely diffused over Western Africa, and are the most prominent race: in several interior kingdoms they are distinguished from the other Negroes by their superior forms and features, and are of a complexion inclining to olive; their habits are pastoral, and their character for honesty, industry, and sobriety, is superior to that of any other race in this quarter of the globe; they are supposed to be the same people as the Fellatahs of Soudan. The Foulahs are Mahometans, but are not very strict observers of the injunctions of their faith. The states inhabited by the Foulahs are Fooladoo, their original country far in the interior, Foota Jallon, on the head waters of the Senegal and Gambia Rivers, Bondou and Foota Toro, on the lower part of the Senegal; the latter is one of the most important kingdoms in this quarter of Africa; it is well watered and fertile, and contains a dense population. Wassela on the head waters of the Niger, and Massina eastward of Bambarra, known only by name, are also inhabited by them.

The Jaloffs inhabit the territory situated between the Senegal and Gambia Riv-

ers, and extending from the sea-coast to a considerable distance in the interior; though of a deep black complexion, and with decided Negro features, they are the handsomest race in Western Africa. They boast of their antiquity, and in many respects excel the neighbouring races; their language is softer and more agreeable; they manufacture finer cotton-cloth, and give it a superior dye; they rival the Moors in horsemanship, and are fearless and expert hunters. They occupy several small states, of which the governments are despotic: of these the chief are Barra and Boor Salum on the Gambia, Brak on the Senegal, and Damel and Cayor on the sea-coast. The Mandingoes are the most numerous people of this region. Their employments are chiefly a slight agriculture, fishing with nets and baskets, and above all, traffic, in which their enterprise exceeds that of all the other negro races. They conduct large kafilas to a considerable distance in the interior, and their language is well understood in all the commercial districts. They are cheerful, inquisitive, and inveterate dancers. Their taste is rather more refined than is usual among the Africans, particularly in poetry; the extemporary composition and recitation of which forms one of their favourite amusements. They are partly Mahometans and partly pagans. Their original country is Manding, of which the government is a species of republicanism. They are They are found extending all over these countries, from the River Senegal to Sierra Leone. The Feloops to the south of the Gambia are a wild unsocial race. Their country The Feloops to the south of the Gambia are a wild unsocial race. is fertile, abounding in rice, poultry, and honey, from which last, they prepare a species of mead. On the Rio Grande are the Naloes, farther south of these the Pagoes and Susoos, and adjoining the Colony of Sierra Leone, the Timmanees, a deprayed race, who were the chief agents in the slave-trade. Their agriculture is peculiarly rude, and the cloths of their manufacture very coarse. They abuse the English as having deprived them of almost their only source of wealth, which consisted in the sale of slaves. The native states in Senegambia are with few exceptions small and unimportant, and under the control of chiefs, who, as in almost all the African states, rule with despotic sway. The principal kingdoms are Foota Toro, Damel, Barra, Boor Salum, Foota Jailon, and Scolimans. Sata-

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doc, Konkodoc, Dindikoo, Brooko, Fooladoc, and Kajaaga, are little states, extending along the upper course of the Faleme, Ba Fing, Ba Lee, and other streams which combine in forming the Senegal. They are elevated, rocky, and woody, with very picturesque sites, and gold in considerable quantities is feund in the sand of their rivers. Lower down, on both sides of the Senegal, is the kingdom of Foota Toro, a considerable state, of which the interior has not been explored by Europeans. The king is a zealous Mahometan; and under the pretext of making converts, has endeavoured to subdue the almost pagan Damel or Burb of the Jaloffs; the latter, however, by the strength of his country, and a prudent system of warfare, has been able to baffle his attempts. On the Middle Senegal, the most important personage is the Siratic, who holds his court at Ghiorel, considerably to the north of the river. Nearer the sea is the kingdom of Hoval, governed by a petty prince, called the Great Brak, which, in the language of the Cambia, is the kingdom of Damel, or Cayor, 150 miles in length, and said to contain 180,000 inhabitants.

The Gambia is bordered on its north side by several flourishing little kingdoms. That immediately on the sea is Barra, said to contain 200,000 inhabitants. The capital is Barra Inding; but the chief place of trade is Jillifrey, where the king has a custom-bouse to levy the duties on vessels passing up and down. Boor Salum is a still more extensive kingdom, situated on a small river that falls into the Gambia, and containing, it is said, 300,000 inhabitants. Above it occur successively the two smaller kingdoms of Yani and Woolli; in the latter is Pisania, a British factory, from whence Mr. Park commenced both of his journeys into the important kingdom of Foota Jallon, said to extend about 350 miles in length, and 200 in breadth. It appears to be the most improved of all the states in this part of Africa. The inhabitants are Foulahs. They manufacture cloths of considerable fineness; they work in iron, dug from extensive mines in the country; also in silver, wood, and leather; and they conduct large caravans into the interior, as far even as Timbuctoo and Kash.... Here, where they are the ruling people, they by no means display that pacific character which distinguishes the tribes on the Gambia and Senegal. They can bring into the field 16,000 men, and the king is engaged in almost continual war, for the base purpose of procuring slaves for the European market. Timbo, or Teembo, the capital, is said to contain 7000 souls, and Laby, 5000.

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To the south of Foota Jallon is Soolimana, also warlike and considerable. It borders on the Niger in the highest part of its course, though the sources of that river are placed in the nostile territory of the Kissi. The king is at present Mahometan, but the bulk of the nation pagan. They are a gay, thoughtless, stirring race. The two sexes seem to have reversed their occupations; the women till the ground, build the houses, act as barbers and surgeons; while the men tend the dairy, sew, and even wash the clothes.

On the eastern side of the Niger is the country of Sangara, still more extensive and more warlike. South of Scolimana is the Kooranko country, inhabited by Mandingoes, who are as usual gay, thoughtless, hospitable, and enterprising.

Among the European settlements on this coast, that of Senegal, belonging to France, is the most important. Fort St. Louis, the chief settlement, is situated on an islaud in the river Senegal. The French lost this place during the revolutionary war, but had it restored to them in 1814. The population is supposed to be about 6000. The original hope of the greatness of this colony, was founded on the supposed identity of the Senegal with the Niger, and on a prospect of a communication by it with the immost regions of Africa. All the efforts founded upon this erroneous theory proved, of covese, abortive; and the commercial advantages of the colony have been confined to the gum trade and the gold trade of Bambouk.

The gum, which, from this river and settlement, is called gum Senegal, is the produce of some scattered cases, or verdant spots, that occur in the desert north of the Senegal river; it is collected mostly in the month of December, by the

Moorish tribes, in the vicinity of whom, the Trasarts are the most considerable: by them the gum is bartered to the French, mostly for blue East India cotton cloths, called pieces of Guinea. The amount of gum exported is about 250,000 rounds.

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The kingdom of Bambouk, on the upper Senegal, is the next object of commercial importance to the French. It is almost a country of mountains, whence flow numerous streams, nearly all of which roll over golden cands; it is extremely unhealthy for whites. The trade is mostly carried on by the Serrawoollies, a petty tribe, very industrious, and devoted to trade. At Goree, a small island near Cape Verde, the French have established the capital of all their African dominious; it is an almost perpendicular rock which is well fortified. The town contains 3000 inhabitants, and is a busy, bustling place, being the entrepot for all the opposite coast, and the point at which French ships bound for India, stop for re-

The Albreda, at the mouth of the Gambia, is a small French factory. European settlements on the Gambia are entirely Euglish. Bathurst, on St. Mary's island, at the mouth of the river, containing a population of about 2000, is the principal place. Fort James near the mouth of, and Pisania a considerable distance up the river, are small trading posts; at Bathurst the Wesleyan Missionary Society have established a church and several schools, which are in a prosperous state. There is a Mission also at McCarthy's Island, about 180 miles above Bathurst. South of the Gambia, on the San Domingo river and other streams, the Portuguese have a few small posts of little or no importance; they are Cacheo, Bissao, Zinghicor, Farim, and Geba. In this neighborhood is the Rio Grande, originally, as its name implies, supposed to be important, but since discovered to be but a small stream. Opposite to its mouth is the Archipelago of the Bissagos. On one of these, Bulma, the English attempted, in 1793, to establish a colony, but the urhealthiness of the climate, and the hostility of the natives, obliged them to abandon it.

SIERRA LEONE.

The British colony of Sierra Leone, founded with a view of introducing and extending civilization and Christianity in Africa, is the next most important object on this coast. It was founded in 1787 by a company associated for that purpose, and who have since surrendered their charter to government. The bulk of the inhabitants are liberated slaves, taken by the British cruisers from the various slaveships, captured by them since the slave trade was declared illegal. With a view to initiate these people into the habits of civilized life, the church missionary society have introduced teachers and schools and upwards of 2000 children are now instructed on the national system.

The population of Freetown, the capital of the colony and its suburbs, has risen to near 10,000; and eight or ten little towns or villages have been established in its vicinity: of these, Regentstown, Gloucester, Wellington, &c. are the principal. The inhabitants of the Colony amounted to 42,000; of these 100 only are white. It appears certain that Sierra Leone has not realized the expectations of its founders; it has not as yet made any impression upon Africa, and there is no radius of civilization proceeding from it.

It labours under two great disadvantages; the extreme unhealthiness of the climate, which both keeps down its population, and renders it difficult to procure well qualified persons to go out, and also, its unfavourable position; in contact only with a few turbulent tribes, not with any of the great and leading states of the continent. These disadvantages, joined to the death of four successive governors, led government to besitate as to the expediency of supporting this colony, after £3,000,000 had seen expended in its formation. To withdraw it, however, would be attended with many evils, so that an attempt has been made to maintain it on a more limited scale. The European troops have been removed, and their place supplied by negroes, and the annual expenditure has been reduced to about £40,000, of which £17,000 is for liberated Africans.

The space from Sierra Leone to the commencement of the Grain Coast of Guines, an extent of about two hundred miles, is chiefly marked by the entrance into the sea of the considerable rivers of Sherbro and Mesurado, or St. Paul's. The states here are generally very small, and entirely negro in religion and manners, none of the Mahometan institutions having penetrated so far. The chiefs are in general absolute, and their obsequies are celebrated with human sacrifices, though not to the same frightful extent as in some of the countries to the east.

GUINEA.

Guinra, extending southward from Senegambia, is the greatest division of Western Africa. It commences at the river Mesurado, or, more properly, the St. Paul's, and extends along the coast to Benin, which it includes, and into the interior from the sea to the mountains; separating the waters of the Niger from the rivers of the seaboard. These are commonly known as the Mountains of Kong: their exact location and range are not yet, however, positively ascertained, but are considered as the western prolongation of the Mountains of the Moon. Guinea is in length about 1500 and in breadth from 350 to 400 miles: the coasts are usually divided by mariners into the Grain, Ivory, Gold, and Slave Coasts,—according to the various objects of trade at the respective places. The political divisions are—Liberia, Ashantee, Dahomey, Benin, and Warree. The interior of this region is almost entirely unknown, with the exception of Ashantee and Dahomey, of which some knowledge has been obtained from the different agents of the British Government, sent thither for diplomatic purposes. The principal rivers are the St. Paul's, Cesters, St. Andrew's, Lahou, Assinee, Bossumpra or St. John's, Volta, and the Niger, with its various estuaries.

The American Colony of Liberia was founded by the American Colonization Society in 1821, for the purpose of facilitating the gradual emancipation of slaves in the United States. The spot selected for the first settlement was a little elevated peninsula, lying between the mouth of the river Mesurado or Montserado and the sea, and terminating in a cape of the same name. After suffering much from the hostility of the natives, with whom it had to sustain several severe con-flicts, this little colony has at length obtained tranquillity, but it has not increased to the extent that was by many expected. Its territory extends from Cape Palmas to Cape Mount, or from 4° to 7° N. lat., occupying 295 miles of coast, with a breadth of 20 to 30 miles inland. The climate is healthful, although emigrants are liable to be attacked by the country fever, on their first arrival. Its fertile soil yields rice, cotton, coffee, sugar, indigo, banana, cassada, yams, &c. Camwood is abundant, and the timber is durable and well adapted for building. The natives are the Deys, an indolent and inoffensive people, occupying the coast on both sides of the Mesurado, to the number of about 7000 or 8000; the Bassas, also a peaceful, but more industrious and numerous people, farther south, and the Queahs and Condoes, in the interior. There are also scattered settlements of Kroomen, whose native country is near Cape Palmas, and who are a laborious and hardy race, acting as pilots, porters, and oarsmen for the trading vessels on the coast; they commonly speak English. The settlement on Cape Mesurado, which received the name of Monrovia is a town of about 1200 inhabitants; and Caldwell and Millsburg, on St. Paul's river, have each perhaps a fourth of that number. Edina, about sixty miles from Monrovia, on the south-west side of the St. John's river; Bassa Cove, which, though lately desolated by the natives, has been reoccupied; and Harper, a neat little village at Cape Palmas, are the other principal settlements. The colonists consist of free blacks, of emancipated slaves, and of recaptured Africans. The whole number is about 3000. The general direction of affairs is in the hands of the Society's agent, but the local interests of the colony are confided to the care of colonial councils and magistrates. Liberia contains 23 churches; 15 schools, with 562 scholars. Imports, in two years, \$157,289; exports, \$123,694.

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A press has been set up, from which is issued a respectably conducted newspaper. The native traders of the interior visit the colony regularly, bringing with them the most valuable inland products, and taking in return various manufactured articles; and an active commerce is cavried on partly in colonial chipping, and partly by American and European vest (**). Palm oil, ivory, dye wood, hides, wax, and pepper, are among the articles of expect, in addition to the productions before enumerated.

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The s of care ols, The Grain Coast, occupied mostly by Liberia, derived its name from Guineapepper, or grains of Paradise, a spice about the size of hemp-seed which was regarded by Europeans, when they first landed here, as a delicious luxury; but, after the aromatics of the east became familiar, it fell into disrepute.

The Ivory, including the Adoo or Quaqua Coast, extends from Cape Palmas to Apollonia, about 400 miles: the name is derived from the quantities of ivory obtained from the elephants on the sea-shore and in the interior. There are a number of small ports along the coast, at which European ships occasionally trade. The natives have been generally represented as very ferocious and rude, and have also been accused of cannibalism; but late observers speak of them in milder terms.

The Gold Coast, to the east of the Ivory Coast, extends from Apollonia to the Volta River about 280 miles. This region derives its designation from the highly prized commodity which its name indicates. The English, Dutch, and Danes, all have here trading settlements, or Forts. The chief of these, belonging to Great Britain, are Cape Coast Castle, a strong fortress, mounting 90 pieces of cannon; Dix Cove, Succondee, Winebah, Accarah, and others. Those of the Dutch are El Mina, or the Castle formerly belonging to the Portuguese, from whom it was captured in 1637; and 7 or 8 others. These are the most respectable settlements on the coast. The Danish forts are Christianburg, Ningo, and Quitta.

Eastward from the Volta River, and extending thence 330 miles to the Formoso River, is the Slave Coast, so named because slaves were formerly procured here in greater numbers than elsewhere, and of a more docile and tractable character than any other. It consisted originally of the Lingdoms of Whidat and Ardrah, which formed the most populous and best continued parts of this region. In the beginning of the last century, they were conquered by Dahomey and incorporated into that kingdom, but have never regained their former state of prosperity.

In the interior and north of the Gold Coast is the kingdom of Ashantee, a power that has within a short period quadrupled its possessions and population. Its name had scarcely reached European ears when its armies were lately seen descending to the coast and subduing all before them. In military skill and valour, in arts and intelligence, they are decidedly superior to any other inhabitants in Western Africa. Large armies assemble at a short warning, which furnishes evidence of a dense population. The rude magnificence displayed in their camp when visited by the English, and the dignity and courtesy of deportment both of the king and his officers, indicate a degree of civilization much superior to that of the surrounding nations. There are, notwithstanding, features in the character and customs of this people, surpassing in barbarity almost any other except in the contiguous kingdom of Dahomey. On the death of the king or any of the royal family, human victims bleed in thousands; also when any of the great men wish to propint the the manes of their ancestors, or when favourable omens are sought respecting any great projected enterprise.

The legal allowance of wives for the king is upwards of three thousand, selected from the fairest damsels in his dominions. These unfortunate beings are no better than slaves, and on any capricious disgust are treated with the greatest cruelty, and often put to death. Yet this barbarous monarch is not without a desire to civilize his subjects, and to adopt France arts and improvements. He

has occupied himself in erecting a palace of stone, in the European style, under the direction of an artist from El Mina, instead of the structures of earth and straw to which the architecture of Africa has hitherto been confined.

The only instrument of husbandry among the Ashantees is the hoo. They cultivate rice and the sugar-cane; fine cotton grows spontaneously, and tropical fruits are abundant. Their cattle are large and fine, and their horses mostly of a small breed. They are but indifferent horsemen, and sometimes ride on oxen. They use a loom similar to the European, and produce fine cloths with brilliant colours. They also work skilfully in metals and leather: their articles of gold are in particular very neatly made.

Coomassie, the capital, is said to contain a population of 80,000 or 100,000. The houses are well built and neat. The streets are all named, and are each under the charge of a captain or chief. The population of Ashantee proper is supposed to be about 1,000,000, but including its tributary states, probably four times that around

Dahomey, lying east of Ashantee, and north of the Slave Coast, extends into the interior upwards of 200 miles. The most arbitrary forms of despotism are mild compared with those of this country, founded in an idolatrous veneration for the king. Human sacrifices take place here on a greater scale than even in Ashantee, and the bodies of the victims, instead of being interred, are hung up on the walls and allowed to putrify. Human skulls make the favourite ornament of the palaces and temples, and the king has his sleeping apartment paved with them, and the roof ornamented with the jaw-bones of chiefs whom he has slain in battle.

Dahomey consists of an extensive and fertile plain, capable of every species of tropical culture. Little is, however, actually produced from it that is fitted for a foreign market. Abomey, the capital, contains about 24,000 inhabitants. Ardra, 25 miles from the coast, 10,000. Griwhee, the port of Abomey, about 7000, and Badagry about 5000.

Eastward of Dehomey is the country of Benin, which extends from east to west upwards of two hundred miles. This region is but little known. The country is low and flat; the soil on the banks of the rivers fertile; but for Europeans the climate is very unbed lity. The natives are active traders in slaves, ivory, and palm-oil. Large quantities of salt are made along the rivers, mostly for the interior trade. The king is not only absolute, but he is considered fetiche, or a God, in the eyes of his subjects, and all offences against him are punished in the most cruel and summary manner, not only as treason, but as impiety.

Waree, south of the Formosa river, is a much smaller state than Benin. The country is low, marshy, and covered with a thick forest. The capital, of the same name, is on a beautiful island somewhat elevated above the surrounding swamps and woods. Here, too, the king is absolute, and carries polygamy to a great extent. A late traveller, who happened to get a peep into the seraglio, saw about fifty queens busied in various employments, from the toilette to the washing-tub.

The whole of this region, from the River Formosa to Biafra, including part of Banin, Waree, Bonny, &c., comprises the Delta of the Niger, and is traversed by a great number of givers. Of these, the Nun, by which the Messrs. Landers descended to the ocean, if not the largest, is at least the most direct. The Bonny, another large estuary, to the eastward of the Nun, has on its banks, a few miles from the sea, the towns of Bonny and New Calebar. They are situated in the midst of the morasses which overspread this country. The people support themselves by the trade in salt, slaves, and palm-oil. The old Calebar, Rio del Rey, and Cameroons, are important estuaries. On the first, about 60 miles from the sea, is Ephraim Town, with 6000 inhabitants, governed by a duke. These rivers are all very unhealthy, but yield a good deal of ivory and palm-oil. The continuity of that vast wooded and marshy flat which has extended along the coast for more than 200 miles, is now broken by some very lofty mountains, the principal of which is supposed to reach the height of 13,000 feet.

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BIAFRA. &c.

That part of the western coast of Africa, commencing with Biafra, is sometimes called Lower Guinea, a term which is, however, by no means generally adopted; here, as in the region just described, the interior is but imperfectly known to the civilized world: the heat of the climate is extreme; the manners and customs of the people are rude and barbarous, and the forms of government are all characteristic of a low and unimproved state of society. South of the great river Niger, and extending towards one the Calebar, Cameroons, reat river Niger, and extending towards 'ong Malemba, Campo, Danger, Moondah, and Gaboon hese water the countries of Biafra, Calbongas, and Gaboon; they are all but little known, and but occasionally frequented; the country, w unhealthy for Europeans, but yields some ivor eptions, being very hich form almost the only inducement for visiting it.

Loango, -Loango, situated immediately north of ire, or Congo River, extends along the coast about 400 miles: its interior mants and character are but vaguely and imperfectly known. The climate is described as fine, rain of rare occurrence, and never violent, but dews abundant. The soil in the vicinity of the sea-coast is fertile, yielding in profusion a great variety of tropical productions. Loango contains several districts, as Kilonga, Mayumba, &c. The slave trade, for which alone this part of Africa is most frequented, is chiefly carried on at Malemba and Cabenda, on the south part of this region, not far from the Zaire, or Congo River. Malemba is so pleasant and healthy as to be called the Montpelier of Africa, and Cabenda, near the mouth of the river of the same name, also a beautiful town, is known by the appellation of the paradise of the coast. It is a great mart for slaves, who are brought from the opposite territory of Sogno, in Congo; but the natives, contrary to their general character, in this region are rude and difficult to treat with.

Congo, Angola, &c.—The next division of Western Africa consists of Congo, Angola, Benguela, and Matemba: the coasts of the three first, which, and also those of Loango, are named by navigators the coast of Angola, or more simply the The principal feature of this region is the Zaire, or Congo, a powerful and rapid river, which rushes by a single channel into the Atlantic; it was ascended by Captain Tuckey, in his unfortunate expedition, 280 miles, yet nothing was ascertained as to its origin and early course. The other principal rivers are the Ambriz, Dande, Coanza, Cuyo, and Cutambela: of these the Coanza is next to the Zaire, the most important stream; it is said by the Portuguese, on the report of the natives, to flow from a large lake far in the interior, in the country of the Cassanges, in which the Coango, the head tributary of the Zaire, also has its

This region extends from the latter river to the Bembaroughe, the southernmost limit of Benguela, about 800 miles; and into the interior the distance is very uncertain, but is probably from 500 to 600 miles: over the whole of this territory the Portuguese claim sovereignty, but their authority is supposed to be merely nominal, except in the vicinity of their few forts, and in the immediate neighbourhood of the coast. The country was discovered by them in 1487, and soon afterwards visited by a number of missionaries: forts and factories were early established, and it was represented as very populous, but in the late expedition up the Zaire no evidence of this was apparent. The largest town on that river did not contain more than from 60 to 100 huts.

Congo, the largest division of the Portuguese territories on this coast, lies immediately south of the Zaire, and extends for several hundred miles in the interior: the eastern limits are uncertain, the inland parts being unknown. town is St. Calvador, at which the Portuguese maintain a mission. Of this place no recent details have been received. In the natives of Congo the negro indolence is carried to its utmost excess; the little cultivation that exists, carried on entirely by the females, is nearly limited to the manioc root, which they are not

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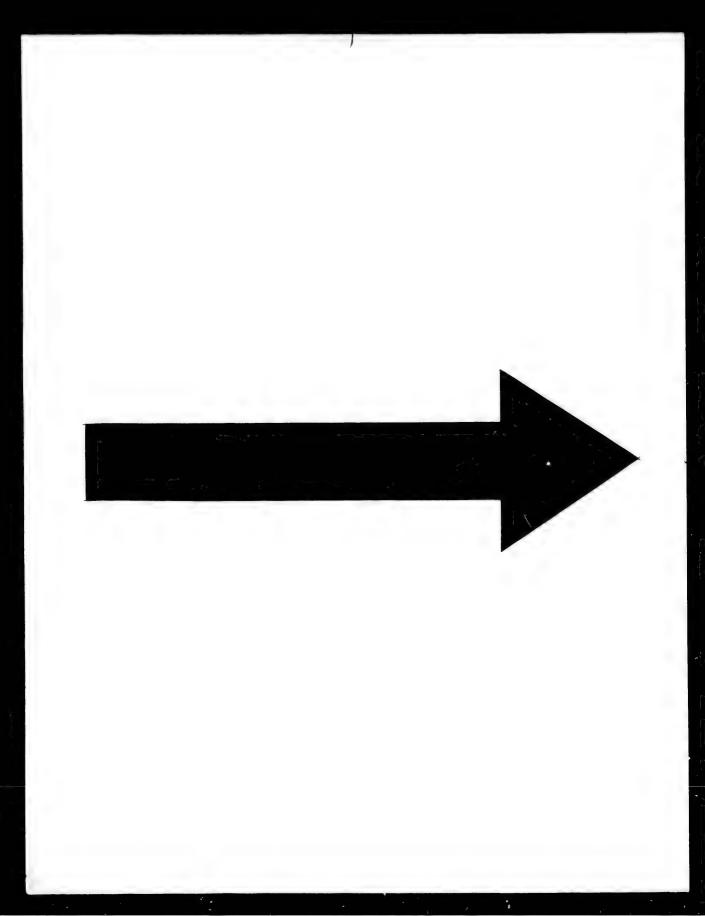
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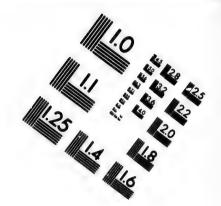
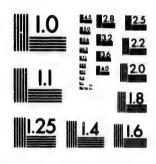


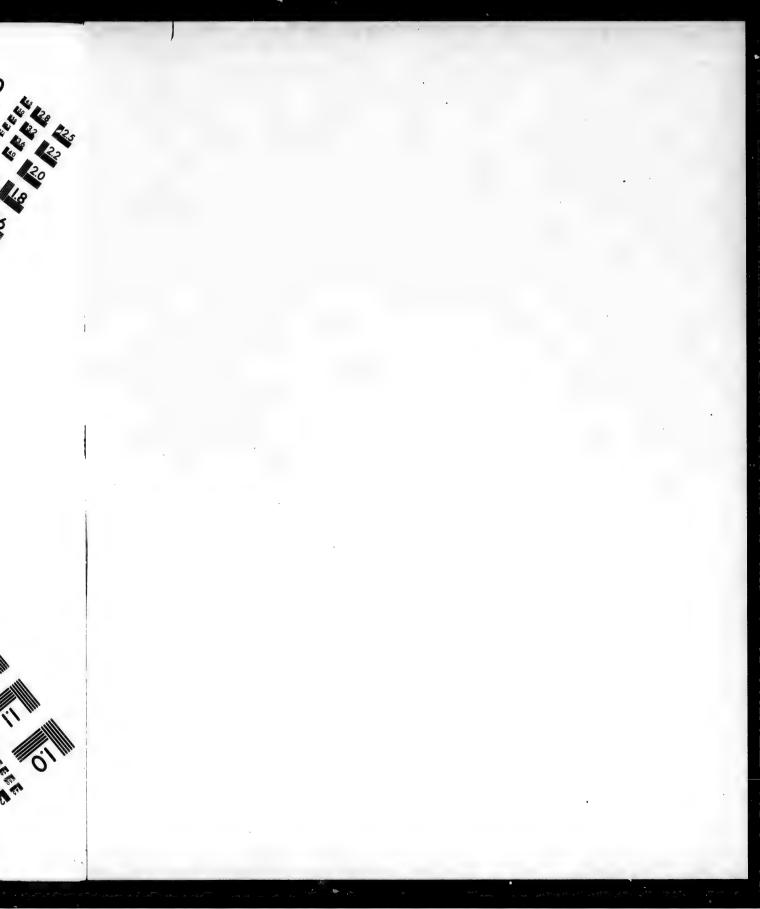
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The countries south of Congo are Angola and Benguela; of the former the chief settlement is at St. Paul de Loando, a large town in an elevated situation. It exports annually 18,000 to 20,000 slaves, mostly to Brazil. San Felipe de Benguela, in a marshy and unhealthy site, is now considerably declined, and its population does not exceed 5000, mostly free negroes and alaves. There is also a smaller port, called Nova Redonds. Far inland are the countries of Matemba and Casange. In this interior region, two centuries ago, the Jagus, or Giagas, were celebrated by travellers as a formidable tribe, addicted to the most ferccious and revolting habits: they were constantly at war with the people around them, but are probably extinct or changed in their habits, as they appear now to be unknown.

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STRETCHIME south of Benguela for several hundred miles, are the desert and dreary coasts of Cimbebas and Mampoor, along which water that can be drunk is very scarce, and only found in spots far distant from each other. The whole coast is a strip of sandy desert 40 or 50 miles in breadth, behind which the interior country becomes hilly and apparently well fitted for pasturage. Horned cattle coastitute the riches of the inhabitants, who are clothed in ox hides, and appear to be a mild and inoffensive race. They are similar in appearance to the Hotten-tots, and are probably the amo people. These coasts have been lately visited by some Americans, who have communicated with the natives at a few points and purchased good cattle from them at the low rate of one and two dollars a head.

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

SOUTHERN APRICA is the term generally applied to the territory discovered and partly colonised by Europeans. It includes the Cape Colony, Caffraria, the country of the Hottentots, and that occupied by the Bechuanas. The coast line of this region, commencing at its western extremity and extending to the south, the cast and the north, to Delagoa Bay, is upwards of 2000 miles; from north to south it is 750 and from east to west from 600 to 900 miles in extent.

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The principal mountain ridge of Southern Africa is that called in different parts of its range by the names of Nieuwvelds Bergen, and Sneeuw Bergen, which divides mostly the waters of the Orange River from those flowing to the south in the Cape Colony, and those of Caffraria which run eastward into the Indian Ocean. This chain has not been explored in its whole range, but is thought to extend about 1100 miles in length; many parts of it are constantly covered with snow, and its highest peaks are about 10,000 feet in height. Much of the surface of this region is arid and unfit for cultivation, particularly that part of it in the colony south of the mountains called the Great Karroo, which is a level plain covered with a hard and impenetrable soil, almost all unfit for vargetation; it is

colony south of the mountains called the Great Karroo, which is a level plain covered with a hard and impenetrable soil, almost all unfit for vegetation; it is 800 miles in length, and near 100 in breadth.

North of the mountains the territary is for some space bleak and sterile, but it gradually improves till it opens into the extensive pastoral plains occupied by the Bechuanas. So far as this has been explored to the northward, it becomes always more fertile, though to the west there has been observed a desert of very great extent. The eastern coast also consists chiefly of a fine pastoral plain, occupied by various Caffre tribes, and separated from the Bechuana country by the extending ranges of the Sneeuw Bergen chain, which have not yet been much explored.

The chief stream of this region is the Orange River, which, with its tributaries, drains a large extent of country north of the Sneeuw Bountains, and after a course which, with its vinature, must considerable exceed 1000 miles, falls into the

Southern Ocean in about 28° 30' S. Lat. Those in the colony, and south of the

great mountain chain, are the Oliphants River, flowing north-west, then running south are the Breede, Gaurita, Camtoss, Zoonday, and the Great Fish Rivers, which last, though the most considerable, has not a course of more than \$100 miles. In Caffraria several estuaries open into the Indian Ocean, the carry courses of which are little more than conjectured; the stream most known is the Great Kei, about 120 miles in length.

The population of a region of which the very boundaries are yet to undetermined, can hardly be made any thing more than a subject of more conjecture. The classes of inhabitants in this part of Africa exhibit a considerable variety. They consist of lat, The British, comprising the officers of government, the troops, and a few thousand agricultural enigrants, whose numbers are not, however, increasing. 2d, The Dutch, who farm most of the lands in the territory, and constitute the most numerous part of the population of Cape Town. 3d, The Hottentots, the native race, part of whom are reduced to a degrading bondage under the Dutch farmers; and of those still free of these, some lead a pastoral life in the regions north of the colony, and others, the wild Hottentots or Bushmen, a miserable and savage race, is abit the mountainous districts, and earry on a constant predatory war against the settlers. 4th, The Caffres, a fierce pastoral race, inhabiting the country beyond the eastern limit of the colony, extending along the Indian Ocean. 5th, The Bechuanas, or Boshuanas, a pastoral, and partly agricultural race, of a different character, possessing the country that stretches northward from the region inhabited by the various Hottentot tribes.

COUNTRY OF THE HOTTENTOTS.

BETWEEN the Colony of the Cape and the Bechuana Territories, there is an extensive tract of country, extending from Caffaria westward to the Atlantic Ocean, which seems to be inhabited by various tribes, known under the general name of Hotteniots. On the Atlantic coast are the Namaquas; their country, especially that on the north of the Orange River, is in many parts of it fine and fertile, and well adapted for pasturage. North-west of these are the Damaras, who are also pastoral in their habits. The Corannas occupy a central country of great extent, which rears cattle in abundance. They show in their buildings and dress

some tendency to civilization.

The Bushmen, or wild Hottentots, inhabit the country in the vicinity and north The Bushmen, or wild Hottencox, innsort the country in the vicinity and north of the Sneedw Bergen, and appear to be in the last extreme of degradation to which human nature can descend. They are equat, and excessively lean, and possess a wild, unsteady, sinister expression of countenance. They have no settled place of residence, but wander about the country, singly or in small parties, and subsist on roots, befries, grasshoppers, mice, toads, and lizards; they always use poisoned arrows in war, or in destroying wild beasts; and it is singular that the sting of the scorpion, dangerous to every other person, has no effect on the the sting of the accepion, dangerous to every other person, has no effect on the savages. In the interior the tribes possess many cattle, and some of them seem to enjoy a tolerable existence. Covered by the skin of the sheep, the antelope, or the lion, besmeared with grease of a red or black colour, and armed with a short club, the savage Hottentot, singing and dancing, wanders about in the midst of hards, which form his riches.

The Colonial Hottentots, for a time reduced to slavery, have a feminine appearance, with a complexion, when not concealed by grease and dirt, of a yellowish brown. They are fond of trinkets, and are indolent and dull, but harmless, honest, faithful, and affectionate. Among some of the tribes, particularly the Namaques, Corannas, and Griquas, the missionaftes have exercised the happing influence. The Hottentots at the several missionary stations, now cultivate the fields, to the several missionary stations, now cultivate the fields, to the large numbers of cattle, exercise various trades, and contribute liberally to the support of religious and charitable institutions, exhibiting a striking proof of the power of Christianity to elevate men from the lowest point of intellectual and

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The Cape Colony, occupying the most southern extremity of the continent of Africa, was first settled by the Dutch in 1650, exptured from them by Great Britain in 1795, restored at the peace of Amiens, again conquered in 1806, and was finally confirmed by the congress of Vienna to the British government in 1815. The area of this colony is about 120,000 square miles, a great portion of which consists of mountains of naked sandstene, or of the great Karroo plain, whose hard dry soil is scarcely ever moistened by a drop of rain. Three successive ranges of mountains divide the colony, of which the most interior and elevated is that called Nieuwvelds Bergen and Sneeuw Bergen. These ranges divide the country into terraces of different elevations. The plain next the sea has a deep and fertile soil, well watered by numerous rivulets, covered with grass, and a heautiful variety of shrubs and trees. Rains are frequent, and the climate is mild. and rertile soil, well watered by numerous rivilets, covered with gram, and a beautiful variety of shrubs and trees. Rains are frequent, and the climate is mild and agreeable. The second terrace contains large tracts of arid desert; and the third region, called the Great Karroo, is destitute of almost every trace of vegetation, and is unoccupied by men or animals. Beyond this tract, at the foot of the Sneeuw Bergen, or Snowy Moustains, there is an excellent grazing country, where cattle are raised in great numbers for the colony.

The settlement is frequently deluged with rain in the cold season, but it has recreated an above in the lot months and in practical by a constant or wind.

scarcely a shower in the hot months, and is parched by a constant dry wind. The changes in the atmosphere are frequent and sudden; grain of good quality, wine and fruits for the supply of the colony, are all produced within the distance of one to three days' journey from Cape Town, but most of the territory is devoted to pasturage. The agriculture is generally slovenly; 14 or 16 ozen being frequently

pasturage. The agriculture is generally slovenly; 14 or 10 ozen being frequently used to draw an unwieldy plough, that only skims the surface.

The Dutch farmers or boots, of vrhom grazing forms along the sole occupation, hold very extensive premises, reaching often for several miles in every direction; they are generally very ignorant and indolent, but extremely hospitable, and live in rude plenty, surrounded by their herds and flocks, and have numbers of Hottentot slaves, who are indeed not liable to sale, but are bondsmen fixed to the soil.

The eastern part of the colony, called the District of Albany, was settled in 1890 by British surgrants whose condition was at first premising but in conse-

1820, by British emigrants, whose condition was at first promising, but in consequence of a succession of dry seasons, were reduced to great poverty. The district was recently more flourishing, and the people carry on a lucrative trade the interior tribes. The population of the colony, in 1836, was 156,616, of

33,600, previous to that year, were slaves.

Cape Town, the capital of the colony, situated about 30 miles north of the Cape Cape Town, the capital of the colony, situated about 30 miles north of the Cape of Good Hope, is an important station, being the only place of refreshment for vessels between Europe and America on one side, and the East Indies, China, and Australia on the other. It must in consequence always be a great commercial thoroughfare. The Dutch society at the Cape is extremely mcroantile; and Hoopman, or Merchant, is held as a title of honour; but the prevalence of slavery has diffused habits of indolence, even among the lower ranks, who consider it degrading to engage in any species of manual labour. Since the occupation by Britain, the residence of civil and military officers, and the great resort of emigrants and settlers, have given it much the character of an English town. The population of Cape Town is upwards of 20,000. The imports of the colony, in 1836, were to the value of £891,163, and of exports, £394,383.

The other places in the colony are, in general, only villages, which, in a country entirely agricultural, derive their sole importance from being the seat of the local administration. Constantia and Simon's Town, in the close vicinity of the Cape, are supported, the one by the produce of wine, the other by docks for shipping. Stellenbosch and Zwellendam, the chief places in the two most flourishing agricultural districts adjoining, contained, some time ago, the one only seventy, the other thirty houses. Graaf Reynet and Uitenhage, at the head of extensive districts in the east, are not more important. Gnadenthal has been made a neat village by the missionaries, who have fixed it as their principal station.

The only place which has rises to any importance in the district of Albany, is Graham's Town, near the eastern extremity of the colony. The troops stationed there to watch the Caffre frontier, with the rec. at colonists, who, disappointed in their agricultural pursuits, sought other employment, have swelled its population to about 3000. It is described as "a large, ugly, ill-built, straggling place, containing a strange mixture of lounging officers, idle tradesmen, drunken soldiers, and still more drunken settlers." It is romantically situated in a deep valley, surrounded by hills and glens, through which heavy wagons are seen coming often from a great distance, not only with progisions and necessaries, but skins of the lion and leopard, buffalo horns, eggs and feathers of the ostrich, tasks of the alephant and rhineceros, and rich far mantles.

CAFFRARIA.

CAPPRARIA, or the country of the Caffree, extends from the eastern boundary, of the Cape Colony along the shores of the Indian Ocean to Delagoa Bay; being about 650 miles in length, and from the sea-coast to the mountains, which divide this region from the Bechuana country, it is from 130 to 150 miles in breadth. To the Caffrarian Coasts the Portuguese have given the name of Natal, which is generally followed by navigators, though it is quite unknown to the natives.

The Caffres appear to be either a distinct race or a mixture of the Negro and the Arab. They are a handsome, vigorous people, of a deep glossy brown colour, with features almost European, and frizzled but not woolly hair. They are perhaps of all nations the most completely pastoral, and have large herds of horned cattle, of which they understand thoroughly the guidance and management. They live chiefly on milk, and seldom kill any of their bxem; and owing to their roving habits, do not depend much upon agriculture; but where they are in any degree settled, the women plant millet,—Caffre corn,—a peculiar species somewhat resembling Indian corn, in which the grain grows in a bunch like grapes: they also raise pumpkins, water-melons, and tobacco, which last they smoke through water in a horn. The women construct enclosures for the cattle, make utensils and clothes, cut wood, and manufacture rush mats, and baskets of reeds so closely woven as to hold milk and other liquids. They moreover build houses in the shape of a dome, thatched with straw and plastered on the inside with clay and cow-dung.

The employments of the men are war, hunting, and tending and managing the cattle which constitute the riches of the Caffre: he does not use them as beasts of burden, except when removing with his shall from place to place: his delight is to be among them with his shield, by beating on which, and by different modulations of the voice, they are taught to go out to graze, to return to their enclosures, or follow their owner, according to his dictation. These people, like the Chinese, consider all other nations inferior to themselves, and suppose that Europeans wear clothes merely on account of baving feeble and sickly bedies. They have scarcely any religious ideas: some of them, however, profess to believe that a great being came from above and made the world, after which he returned and cared no more about it.

The Caffres are divided into several tribes, of which the chief are the Tambookies, Mambookies, and the Hollontontes or Zoolas, who are the most numerous and warlike of all the tribes: their king, Chaka, lately deceased, a most remorseless and bloody tyrant, had a force of 15,000 men constantly equipped for war, and on urgent occasions could raise 100,000. He was the most formidable conqueror in this part of Africa. Several wars between the Caffres and the colonists of the Cape have at different times taken place, generally resulting in the latter extending their territory eastward into Caffraria.

Various missionary stations have been, within a few years past, established in the southern parts of this region, where schools for the instruction of the native

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BECHUANAS, OR BOSHUANAS.

Tan country of the Bechuana or Boshmana, occupying a considerable extent of Southern Africa, is bounded on the east by Caffraria, on the west by the extensive desert of Challahengah; on the south is the Hottentot territory, which separates it from the colony of the Cape; while on the north is the domain of various tribes very little known, of whom the Macquanas are supposed to extend far to the north.

This region was unknown to Europeans until 1801, since which period it has been explored by various travellers, of whom, Mr. Campbell, a missionary, animated by a laudable zeal to diffuse Christianity among the African people, has not only twice visited Lattakoo, but has even penetrated 200 miles farther, to Kurrechane, the most northern and largest of the Bechuana states. Some later travellers have, it is said, extended their researches still farther, but their accounts have not yet been published.

The Bechuanas are not so tall and handsume as the Caffres, but have made considerably greater progress in industry and the arta. They dwell in towns of some magnitude, and cultivate the ground, raising millet, beans, gourds, water-melons, &c. They have also numerous herds of cattle, which the men, as among the Caffres, both tend and milk, while the females fill the soil and build the houses. The first discoverers painted these people in the most flattering colours, and they appear to be really honest, and friendly to each other and to strangers who have gained their good will; but the emmity between neighbouring tribes is as deadly, and the mode of conducting war as barbarous, as among the rudest African hordes. They place their glory in commandoes, raides or forays undertaken with a view of carrying off cattle and murdering the owners. In consequence of this mutual hestility, the population is almost entirely concentrated in towns or their immediate vicinity. They are an consequence larger than might be expected in their part of the continent.

Lattakoo was the first visited, and the name remains, though in consequence of a schism in the tribe, the town has been transferred to a spot about sixty miles farther north. New Lattakoo is supposed to contain about 6000 people. Meribohwey, capital of the Tammahas, is not of equal importance. Mashow, to the north, within the territory of the Barolongs, is a fine town, with 10,000 inhabitants. Melita, the capital of the Wanketzens, is likewise important. Kurrechane, to the north-east of the latter, and at least 1000 miles from Cape Town, is the largest and best built town in this region, and where the inhabitants have made the greatest progress in the arts of life. They work skilfully in iron and copper, and also in leather, earthen-ware, &c. Their houses are surrounded by good stone inclosures, and the walls of mud are often painted, as well as moulded into ornamental shapes. The population, when first visited, was about 16,000, but is now reduced in consequence of having been sacked by the Mantatees, a wandering and predatory tribe, who overran, some years ago, a considerable part of this and the neighbouring countries of Caffaria.

EASTERN AFRICA.

Eastware Averca comprises an immense extent of coast, reaching from the Caffre country to the border of Abyssinia, a length of about 3000 miles. It may be considered as extending inland about 500 or 600 miles from the sea, but its contents, for the most part, and all its boundaries on this side, are unknown. This

vast range of country contains many grand features of nature, and a large propertion of fertile territory, capable of yielding the most valuable productions; yet scarcely any part of the world is less known, or has excited less interest among Europeaus. The Portuguese, as soon as they had discovered a passage into the Indian seas, occupied all the leading maritime stations, from which they studiously excluded every other people.

Extensive, though ill-explored, natural objects diversify this region. The count consists almost entirely of spacious plains, often of alluvial character, and covered with magnificent forests. It appears inverser, undoubted, that as 200 or 200

with magnificent forests. It appears, however, undoubted, that at 200 or 300 miles in the interior, considerable ranges of mountains arise; geographers have even delineated a long chain parallel to the coast, called Lupata, or the Spine of the World; of which the representation north of the Zambezi, as given by some, is entirely arbitrary. The rivers also are of considerable magnitude, though only their lower courses are at present known. The Zambesi may rank in the first class of African streams. It enters the Indian Ocean by four mouths, the principal of which are the Cuama and Lubo. Near Quilos, several great estuar are found. The Pangany, near Mombas, is also an important river. North of this place is the estuary of the Osee: it is, no doubt, the largest stream in this part of Africa, as intelligent natives state that its navigation extends a distance of three months travel to the north, through populous and well-settled regions: it is probably the Zebee of the interior. The Juba and Webbe are reported to be large rivers, though nothing has been ascertained of their commencement and course. The only great lake known in this quarter is the Maravi, in the interior from Quiloa and Mozambique. It is represented as of great extent, resembling an inland sea, and salt like the ocean.

This territory is generally occupied by brown or black nations, who, however, bear no resemblance to the true negroes except in colour; some of them are numerous, and not destitute of arts and industry. The coast, however, has, in modern times, been chiefly in possession of two foreign powers. The Portuguese, when, in the close of the fifteenth century, they made their way round the Cape, found almost all the maritime stations in the hands of the Arabs, whom they succeeded

in driving successively from each, and occupying their place.

On this coast the Portuguese claim authority from Delagoa Bay on the south, to Querimba, near Cape Delgado, a region in length about 1200 miles, extending for some distance into the interior. This territory they denominate the Government of Sena, or Mozambique; but their power is exercised at only a few detached

points, and is much less regarded by the natives than formerly.

Beginning from the south we find Inhambane, which has an excellent harbour, and is defended by a fort and 150 men. The other Portuguese do not exceed twenty-five, but there is a numerous coloured population. Sabia, immediately north of Inhambane, is thinly settled, although the soil is fertile. Sofala, supposed by some to be the Ophir whence Solomon drew large supplies of gold and precious stones, was at the time of the first arrival of Europeans very important, as the emporium of the gold and ivory brought in great quantities down the Zambezi. Since Quillimane became the channel by which these commodities were conveyed, Sofala has suck into a village of poor huts. The Portuguese, however, still maintain there a fort, which holds supremacy over the more southerly station of In-

Quillimans, at the mouth of the Zambezi, is now the chief seat of trade on this part of the coast. From eleven to fourteen slave-vessels come annually from Rio

de Janeiro, and each carries off, on an average, from 400 to 500 slaves. The situation is swampy and unhealthy; but the population is nearly 3000, though only twenty-five houses are occupied by Portuguese or their descendants.

Mozambique is the principal establishment of the Portuguese in Eastern Africa. Though it derives its importance from being the emporium of the gold, ivery, and slaves, brought down the Zambezi, it is situated about 300 miles from the most of that river, and the trade is in a great measure transferred to Quillimane. It is built on an island, which has a good roadstead and a commodious pier, but affords by no means either a convenient or healthy situation. The trade in slaves, the

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two, still smaller, in the more remote stations of Zumbo and Manica. In these settlements, joined to that of Quillimane, they maintain 264 troops, and have a population of 500 Christians, with 21,827 slaves. The ground is generally fertile, and abounding particularly with honey, wax, senna, and other dyeing drugs. Mozomotapa, or more properly Motapa (since Mono is merely a general term for kingdom), has been dignified in the early narratives with the title of empire. If it ever deserved such an appellation, it is now broken into fragments, the largest

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of which is held by the Changamera, a chief represented as a great conqueror, but of whom no very precise or recent information has reached us. He belonged to the Maravi, a race of daring freebooters, who neglect agriculture and devote themselves entirely to plunder. Manica is celebrated as the country chiefly affording the gold for which this part of Africa is famous. A small fort is maintained here by the Portuguese.

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North-east of the kingdom of the Cazembe, is the nation of the Moolooa, represented.

ented as more numerous and more intelligent, and to have attained a higher degree of industry and civilization than any other in this quarter of Africa. The

country abounds in copper. The king, however, is absolute, and the atrocious sustom of human sacrifice prevails.

On the coast, north from Mozambique, occur the Querimba Islands, giving name to the opposite territory. The whole of this region, from Cape Delgado to the northern limit of Magadoxa, is denominated Zanzibar, or Zanguebar: the term, however, is most commonly restricted to that part of it extending from Quilos to Mombas. Quilos, about 100 miles north-west from the bold promontory of Cape Delgade, was found by the Portuguese a great seat of power and commerce.

About the end of the seventeenth century it was wrested from them by the Imam of Muscat, whose officers have since governed it. It is now dwindled into a miserable village. Membas, north of Quilos, is situated on an islend about three miles long and two broad, surrounded by cliffs of madrepore, which make it a kind of matural castle. The country is fertile in corn, and fit for the sugar-cane, and the mail shells called cowries are collected in great abundance on the shore. The barbour is excellent, and a considerable trade is carried on along the coast in dows, (Arab vessels whose planks are sewed), often of 250 tons burthen. Britain for two years maintained a factory there, but withdrew it in 1827.

Parallel to this coast, at the distance of about twenty or thirty miles, are the small but fine islands of Monfia, Zanzibar, and Pemba. They are of coral foundation but the coast of the coast o

tion, but the surface is flat, and covered with a soil highly productive in grain and sugar. The climate, however, especially that of Zanzibar, is very unhealthy. They are partly independent and partly subject to the Imam of Muscat. The town of Zanzibar is said to contain 10,000 inhabitants. Melinda, north of Mom-

bas, long the handsomest and most flourishing city on this coast, has been completely destroyed by the Galla. Part, once of great importance, is now much decayed, and a great part of its trade transferred to the neighbouring flourishing port of Lamoo.

Brava, immediately north of the equator, is a small Arab town and territory, with some little commerce; the people lately solicited to be placed under British protection. Magadoxa, called also Mukdeesha, is a considerable town, lying to the northward from Melinda. The prince having succeeded in maintaining his independence and repelling all European intercourse, allows the country to be very little known. The city makes a handsome appearance from the see, containing many lofty stone fabrics; but these belong to a part which, centaining only tombs, may be called the City of the Dead. The habitations of the living are only low thatched huts.

This territory, northward from Cape Delgado, when discovered by the Postuguese, was occupied by the Sowhylese, or Sohilies, a peaceable and industrious people; but the coast has now been mostly wrested from them by the Arabs of Muscat, while much of the interior is possessed by the Galla, the same ferocious race who have overrum Abyssinia, and who, in the course of a fundamental projection and destroyed every see part which was not protected by an insular position.

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The coast of Ajan, the Azania of the ancients, extends from the northern termination of Magadoxa to Cape Guardafui, where Africa ceases to border on the Indian Ocean. This tract is generally avid and sandy, though in the northerly parts it becomes hilly and fragrant, like the neighbouring one of Berbora. That coast, extending from Cape Guardafui to nearly the Straits of Bab el Mandel, is situated on neither the Indian Ocean nor the Red Sea, but on an intermediate grilf, bounded on the opposite side by the coast of Arabia. It is hilly and beautiful, and may be considered the native country of incense, myrrh, and edoriferous gums. The celebrity of Arabia, and particularly of Aden, for those elegant productions, is chiefly acquired by its large imports from this coast. The inhabitants consist of the various tribes of Somaulis, an active, industrious, and yet peaceful race, who export the productions of their own country, which is thus less known than it deserves to be. At the town of Berbora is an annual fair, to which gold and ivory are said to be brought from Hanim, a country situated twenty days in our production.

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The country in the interior from this coast, though most imperfectly known, appears to be occupied by the Galla and other tribes, who surpass in barbarism even the rest of Africa. Here, in a wild and mountainous region, is the kingdom of Gingiro, ruled by a despot, elected with strange and superstitious ceremonies, and who celebrates his accession by the death of his predecessor's ministers and favourites, with whose blood the walls and gates of the palaces are dyed.

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Adel and Hurrur, form the most westerly part of this coast, and adjoin to the Straits of Bab el Mandeb. The inhabitants, united under the standard of the Mahometan faith, waged long and bloody wars, embittered by religious enmity, against Abyssiaia. For a century back, their power has been broken, and they have been divided into a number of small separate states. Zeyla, the capital, is a place of considerable trade, and, though irregularly built, contains some good habitations.

CENTRAL AFRICA.

CENTRAL AFRICA may be considered as comprising all that part of the continent extending from the Great Desert south to the equator and the confines of Guinea, and from the territories of Abyssinia and Nubia on the east to those of Senegambia on the west; extending in length about 2600, and from north to south from 500 to 1000 miles in width. A great proportion of this region is yet entirely unknown to Christian nations; and it is only within the last forty years that the daring enterprise of various travellers has explored a few portions of it; and enabled the civilized world to acquire some correct ideas respecting it.

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This part of Africa contains but few lakes: the most pre-eminent is the Tchad, situated in the central part of the continent, and on the frontier of Bornou: it is about 200 miles in length and 150 in breadth, and embosoms within its outline numerous large islands, some of which are the residence of tribes said to be numerous, and who are accounted by the people of Bornou as infidels and pirates. The Dibble, or dark lake, formed by the Niger, is not so extensive; since M. Caillie, in sailing across it, lost sight of land only in one direction. The names of Lake Fittre, and others lying east of the Tchad, have been vaguely reported;

but of their situation and character, geographers are ignorant.

Central Africa may be considered as divided, by the mountainous range which is believed to extend through it, into two great sections: that on the north is chiefly known by the appellation of Soudan, or Nigritia, of which some portions have been explored by European travellers; and the other, extending southward to the equator, and by some denominated Lower Ethiopia, is, as regards our knowledge of it, a vast blank; no European having ever penetrated into its remote and mysterious territories.

The government, in the countries of Central Africa, is completely despotic; and, in most of the states, the homage paid to rulers and grandees is far more abject and debasing than in any civilized empire. In Yarriba, the greatest lords, when they approach the sovereign, throw themselves flat on their faces, kissing the earth, and piling heaps of dust upon their heads. The sacrifices, on the death of any prince or chief, of his principal officers and favourite wives, though not carried to the same bloody extent as in Ashantee and Dahomey, is yet prevalent in many native states. In other respects, however, the greatness of the monarch is not supported by much of outward pomp and state. Their mansions, usual attire, and daily habits, differ little from those of their meanest subjects. They have scarcely any revenue derived from regular sources, if we except the dues exacted from the caravans. They enrich themselves by presents, and thus particularly appear to accumulate such an extrava ant number of wives. They also carry on a good deal of traffic, and scruple not to employ both power and stratagem in turning it to their own advantage.

The armies of Central Africa consist chiefly of a turbulent militia, taking the field on the summons of the prince, and supporting themselves by plundering the country through which they pass. The cavalry of Bornou and Begharmi have a very martial appearance; their horses being small and active, and, as well as their riders, completely enveloped in chain and sometimes in plate armour: but they are unable to withstand a brisk charge from an enemy, and on every such occasion take precipitately to flight. They are serviceable only when the victory has been decided, and the enemies' backs are turned, when they are very active in cutting down and plundering the fugitives. The Kanemboo spearmen, organized by the present sheik of Bornou, form the most regular and effective force

in interior Africa. They march by tribes, almost naked, with only a skin round their waist: their only arms being a long shield with which they ward off the arrows of the enemy, and a spear with which they press forward to charge him. Yet they have much of the organization of a regular army, maintaining in front a chain of piquets, and the sentinels passing the war-cry along the line. The Fellata archers, and those of a very rude people called the Mungae, fighting with poisoned arrows, have shown themselves very formidable.

Agriculture is practised over the whole of Central Africa, though in a very rude manner. The plough appears never to have passed the desert; the only instrument for turning up the ground being the boe, which does little more than scratch the surface; yet this alight tillage, on grounds moistened by inundation or artificial watering, is sufficient to produce abundant crops. In Bornon, the imperfect industry of the people produces only gussub, a species of millet, which, instead of being formed into bread, is merely boiled into a paste. So supine is their culture, that in this fine climate they do not rear a vegetable of any description, except a few onions; nor a fruit except limes, and those only in the garden of the sheik. In Houssa, however, two crops of wheat are raised in the year, and the markets are abundantly supplied with fluits and vegetables. Rice is produced copiously on the inundated banks of the Niger, particularly in the kingdom of Yacorie. of Yacorie.

Manufactures are not numerous, but carried on with considerable skill and activity. The most important, by far, is that of cotton cloth, which is said to be beautifully woven, and skilfully dyed with fine indigo.

Commerce, throughout this region, is carried on with some activity, though in modes rather peculiar. Maritime trade is precluded by its situation, far distant from any coast. Even river navigation is not practised with much diligence, unless on the Niger, and that chiefly on its lower course, as it approaches the sea. Commodities are conveyed by large troops, sometimes resembling little armies, called caravans, kafilas, or coffies. Those which pass between Northern and Central Africa, across the immense expanse of the desert, employ camels, whose patience of thirst, and soft and elastic hoofs, almost exclusively fit them for travelling over this wide surface of sand. In the rugged and mountainous tracts, burling over this wide surface of sand. In the rugged and mountainous tracts, burling or ablastic accuracy of assets; but in the great fartile plains of dens are chiefly conveyed by means of asses; but in the great fertile plains of Houssa and Eyeo, the human head is the most frequent vehicle: those of females, not excepting the wives of the great men, and even of the monarch, are decidedly preferred. The articles conveyed across the desert, and exposed for sale in the markets of Central Africa, are chiefly of a showy and ornamental kind. Salt, in large quantities, is brought from pits in the interior of the desert; and goors in large quantities, is orought from pits in the interior of the desert; and goors or kolls nuts,—a favourite luxury, which is even called the African coffee,—are transported from the western to the eastern parts of this region. The returns made to Northern Africa from Timbuctoo consist partly of gold and ivory; but slaves are the chief article sent from thence, and almost the sole one from Houssa and Bornou. These unfortunate victims are caught by armed expeditions in the mountainous regions to the south, the inhabitants of which, being mostly

pagan, are considered by orthodox Musulmans as lawful prey.

In the moral existence of the African, there are many very dark features.

War is carried on with all the ferocity of the most barbarous nations; many tracts, formerly flourishing, were seen, by the recent travellers, reduced by it to a state of entire desolation. Another deep blot is the extensive prevalence of robbery, practised not merely by desperate and outlawed individuals, but as the great national and state concern of almost every community, great and small. In other parts of the world, robbery is carried on by the poor against the rich: in Central Africa, it is equally or more by the rich against the poor; for there, he who is destitute of every thing else, has at least himself, who, converted into a slave, forms the richest booty that can tempt the plunderer.

In regard to religion, the nations of this region are pretty equally divided between two systems, the pagan and Mahometan; one native, the other introduced by migration and intercourse from Northern Africa. One fixed article of belief among them all is, that they may lawfully reduce to slavery all the kerdies, or

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Learning, throughout Central Africa, appears in a very depressed state. The reading even of the Koran is confined to a very few of the great fighic, or document the service are chiefly employed as amulate to secure triumphysics against

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Its verses are chiefly employed as amuleta to secure triumph over enemies, Houses, show a disposition to enquire into and cultivate the arts and sciences; but they have no channel of information, unless from Barbary, where these pursuits are in an almost equally depressed state. Sultan Bello of Sockatoo, and his minister, had each a library, but no communication has been made as to the contents of either. Extemporary poetry, sung by the composers, is repeated at almost all the African courts. Singing men and singing women are constant attendants on the chiefs and caboceers; and their songs, though conceived probably in terms of the grossest flattery, appear to contain a large portion of national history.

The eastern part of Central Africa comprising Darfur, Kordofan, Bergoo, Begharmi, &co. will be most convenient for commencing the survey of its local

divisions. This portion of the continent is very imperfectly known: the only parts actually visited by Europeans, being Kordofan and Darfur; the latter by Mr. Brown, in 1798, 4, 5, and 6: his information, however, is rather limited, having een, during most part of the time viewed, with great jealousy, and closely

Darfur is a considerable country, almost due south from Egypt, and west of Sennaar, whence it is separated by Kordofan. The route by which the caravans seemar, whence it is separated by kondonal. The route by which the caravans pass from Egypt is of the most dreary character, since travellers, after leaving the greater casis, do not for about 700 miles meet with a human habitation; however, at Sheb and Selime they are refreshed by springs of water. The country itself is of an arid character. The tropical rains, however, within whose influence it is, fall at the proper season with great violence, when they fill the dry beds of the torrents, and inundate a considerable extent of country. The operations of a rude agriculture, carried on by the females, are then sufficient to produce, in a few places, wheat; and in a great number the inferior species of dokn a kind of millet aces, wheat; and in a great number the inferior species of dokn, a kind of millet. Camels, horned cattle, goats, horses, sheep, and asses abound. The people, not supposed to exceed in number 200,000, are a mixture of Arabs and negroes. The king is absolute, though obliged to court the soldiery, who, when discontented, sometimes depose and strangle him, electing in his room another member of the royal family. They are about 2000 in number, distinguished neither for valour nor discipline, but endowed with an almost preternatural endurance of thirst, hunger, and fatigue. Large caravans, at somewhat irregular intervals, pass between Egypt and Darfur, interchanging slaves, ivory, ostrich-feathers, &c. for cloths, carpets, toys, and beads. A considerable intercourse of religion and trade is carried on with Mecoa by way of Jidda and Suakem. Cobbe, the capital, is not supposed to contain more than 4000 inhabitants; it is about two miles long, but ists merely of ranges of detached houses surrounded by wooded inclosures.

Kordofan, on the east, and separated by deserts from Darfur, forms a country nearly similar. Its warriors, like those of Bornou, are invested in chain armour. Kordofan has been subjected at different times to Sennaar and Darfur, and in 1820 was obliged to yield to the arms of the Pacha of Egypt, who continues to claim the sovereignty, which, however, over so distant and rude a tract, must always be very precarious. To the south of Darfur is Fertit, inhabited solely by negroes, and containing walpable mines of company. Further coult will is the mountaining and containing valuable mines of copper. Farther south still is the mountainous country of Donga, possessed by a barbarous people, and in which, according to Mr. Brown's information, numerous streams unite in forming the Bahr el Abiad,

or main branch of the Nile.

Bergoo, called also Waday and Dar Saley, is an extensive country, reaching westward from Derfur to nearly the confines of Begharmi and Bornou. According to the imperfect accounts yet received, it appears to be greater and more

populous than Darfur or Kordofan. Wara, the capital, is represented as a considerable city. Near it passes a large river, called the Bahr Misselad, which, according to Brown's information, traverses the country in a northern and westerly direction. In this quarter, also, the lake Fittre is reported to exist, but our materials do not enable us to fix its site with any precision.

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West of Bergoo is a region called Bahr el Ghasal; it is a wide extent of low ground without any elevations, and is called Bahr, i. e. sea or river, because tradition reports that in ancient times a large river flowed through it. Kanem, situated on the north-east shores of Lake Tohad, is a rude district, partaking somewhat of the character of the bordering desert, but its inhabitants are peculiarly brave. Lari, the chief town, consists of clusters of rush huts, is the shape of well-thatched corp-stacks.

Begharm is a considerable country, to the mouth-east of the lake Tchad. The people, who are stout and warlike, wage almost continual war with Bornou, which boasts of having subjected them; but they always find a retreat beyond a considerable river, which flows through their country, whence they return and regain possession of their territory. Their chief force consists in mounted lancers, which, with their horses, are cased still more completely in iron mail, than those of Bornou; but they do not in the field display any higher degree of courage.

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Bornou, one of the most powerful kingdoms of Central Africa, extends shout 200 miles in every direction, on the westward of the great inland see of the Tchad. It is watered by the tropical rains, and is a very fertile country. Cities, containing from 10,000 to 30,000 inhabitatits, and many walled towns, rise along the shores of the lake. The markets present a most crowded scene, the principal one at Angornou attracting sometimes 100,000 people. Yet the nation is remarkably deficient, not only in refined and intellectual pursuits, but in the humblest of the useful arts. The only fabric in which they have attained any kind of excellence is that of cotton cloth dyed blue with their fine indigo, the tobes or piecea of which form the current coin of the realm. They have, however, the absolute necessaries of life in abundance. Numerous herds of cattle are bred by Arabitibes, who have transported into Bornou all their pastoral habits.

The government of this state is absolute; but when the English travellers Denham and Clapperton lately visited the country, they found it in a somewhat singular political situation. The sheik, surnamed El Kanemy, who by his valour had rescued the kingdom from Fellata invasion, possessed all the real authority, which he exercised with justice and vigour; but he found it prudent to confer the estemsible dignity of sultan on a member of the ancient royal family, who lived in empty pomp at New Bornou. There is probably no court of which the taste is so absurd, grotesque, or preposterous. The primary requisite for a fine gentleman and a courtier is a huge belly; and where feeding and cramming will not produce this beauty in sufficient perfection, the part is swelled out by stuffing and cushioning.

The towns of Bornou are considerable, though not of the first magnitude. New Bornou, the present residence of the sultan, is said not to contain more than 10,000 people; and Kouka, where the sheik kept his court, is still smaller. Angornou is the largest place in the kingdom, containing at least 30,000 people, and, during the crowded market held there, often from 80,000 to 100,000 are assembled. All these are in the heart of the kingdom, on the western bank of the Tchad. Angala, on the southern or Begharmi frontier, and Woodie on that of Kanem, are also considerable: at the latter, the carevans are made to stop till convenient to preceded is obtained from the sovereign.

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Mandara, situated to the south of Bornou, consists of a fine valley, containing eight large towns, the principal of which is Mora. The whole country, and even the capital, are overlooked by the great range of the Mountains of the Moon, which to the southward of this territory appear to attain their loftiest height. Dirkullah, a part of this mountainous territory, is occupied by a pagan race called El Fellati, who have their villages strongly fortified, and fight desperately with poisoned arrows, by which they once put to flight the whole force of Bornou and Mandara, though aided by a numerous and well-armed body of Arabs.

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Houses is an extensive territory in the most central part of Africa, reaching from the upper course of the Yeou nearly west to the Niger; but its boundaries both on the north and south seem to be yet undecided. It is well watered by the river Quarrama or Zirmie, which, with several tributaries, flows westward to join the Quorra or Niger. On the eastern border, also, it is traversed by the upper course of the Yeou, and on the southern by the Tsadda, which also falls into the Niger. This region derives its social character from the Fellatas, a people said to be similar in appearance to the Foulahs of Western Africa, but of a much more warlike character. Their precise origin is involved in obscurity, and their very name was unknown to Europeans until within a few years. They appear to have been, since the commencement of the present century, the most prominent people in Central Africa; about that period, they conquered the whole of Houssa, Bornou, and several countries on the Niger. The Fellata empire thus founded, has since, however, suffered some dismemberment. The standard of independence was raised in Bornou, by a native of Kanem, who under the title of Sheik el Kanemy, drove out the invaders, and assumed the real sway over the country. In the heart of Houssa, Goober, Zegzeg, and other countries, have thrown off the yoke; yet the Fellatas are still extending their conquests to the westward, and have even passed the Niger into Yarriba. The Fellatas are like the Foulahs, all Mahometans.

House, appears to be more elevated, and the climate less sultry, than that either of Bornou or the countries on the Niger; travellers have even occasionally suffered from cold. The face of the country exhibits evident marks of superior cultivation and a superior people. The fields are covered with large crops of wheat, two of which are annually produced, and the grain is stored in large granaries, raised on poles as a security from insects.

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Sockatoo, situated nearly at the western extremity of Houses, is at present the ruling country over that region. The territory appears to be fertile and populous, and its capital the largest city in interior Africa. The houses are built closer than usual, and more regularly laid out in streets. The place is surrounded by a wall between twenty and thirty feet high, with twelve gates, always shut at sunset.

Kano is the centre of commerce and civilization in interior Africa; yet it is built in a very scattered manner, occupying only about a fourth of the circuit of fifteen miles enclosed by its walls. The inhabited part is divided into two by a large morass, dry during a part of the year, at which period is held a great market, the most crowded and best regulated in Africa. Kano is supposed to contain 30,000 or 40,000 inhabitants.

Kashna, to the north of Kano, is a considerable kingdom, which at no distant period held the supremacy over Housse. Its walls, like those of Kano, are of immense circuit; but the inhabited part does not amount to above a tenth of the enclosed space. It is still, however, the seat of a considerable trade with the desert, with Timbuctoo, and with caravans coming across the desert by the way

of Gadamis and Tuat.

To the south of Sockatoo and Kano is the country of Zegzeg, one of the finest in all Africa. It is covered with plentiful crops and rich pastures, yields particularly good rice, and is beautifully variegated with hill and dale, like the finest parts of England. Dunrora is situated in a country fertile, though rocky; and about half a day's journey from it is Jacoba, described as a large city on the river Shary; while farther to the east, on the same river, is stated to be another great city, Adamowa: but here our knowledge in this direction terminates.

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The countries on the lower course of the Niger form an extensive and important part of Central Africa. Reing copiously watered, and in many parts liable to temporary inundation, they are endowed with profuse natural fertility, yielding rice and other valuable species of grain in abundance; though, in approaching the sea, the ground becomes swampy, and overgrown with dense forests. The negro population, with its original habits and superstitions, generally fills this region; but the Fellatus are making rapid encroachments; and several of the states have been converted, though in a very superficial manner, to the Moelem faith. The

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The kingdom of Boussa is immediately below Yacorie. The capital of the same name is a considerable town, situated in the midst of a fertile and well cultivated country. The Niger, immediately above and below Boussa, presents a magnificant body of water; in passing that city, it is obstructed by those rocks and straits in which Park was intercepted and perished. Wawa, the capital of a small dependent kingdom, situated in a very fertile country, particularly celebrated

small dependent kingdom, situated in a very fertile country, particularly celebrated for producing excellent yams, is supposed to contain 15,000 inhabitants. Borgoo, west and north-west of Boussa and Waws, is composed, in a great measure, of rugged mountain tracts, though interspersed with fertile and beautiful valleys. The elevated districts are covered with extensive forests, crowded with wild animals of every description, and infested with numerous bands of robbers. Kiama, the only part of Borgoo visited by English travellers, is inhabited by a people proud, courageous, spirited, delighting in martial exercises, and warm both in their resentments and attachments. The banks of the Niger, below Boussa, are occupied by two great and flourishing kingdoms: Yarriba on the west, and Nyffe, or Nouffie, on the east. The former is an extensive state, and one of the most fruitful countries on the globe; it is well cultivated, and densely peopled. The fields are covered with thriving plantations of Indian corn, millet, yams, and cotton. The loom is busily plied, though its products are not equal to those in the neighbouring country of Nyffe. A range of rugged mountains, from 2000 to 3000 feet high, crosses one part of the country; yet such is the mildness of the climate, that cultivation, and even large towns, are found on their very summit. Eyeo, the capital of Yarriba, is one of the largest cities of Africa, being 15 miles in circumference: there are, however, many fields and open spaces in this wide circuit, and the population can scarcely even be conjectured. Nyffe, on the eastern bank of the Niger, is a very fine country, occupied by the most industrious and improved of all the negro nations. Their cotton cloths are held in the highest estimation; and even the finest of those manufactured in Houssa, are by slaves from Nyffe. Rabbe, the capital, is considered, next to Sookatoo, the largest town in possession of this people. The surrounding territory is highly productive, covered with rich crops, and with numerous an

The states which succeed consist of little more than single towns, each governed by its own chief, with little or no mutual dependence, and many of them addicted to fierce and lawless practices. Kacunda, however, composed of a cluster of three large villages, under the absolute sway of a single chief, though independent of Nyffe, contains a peaceable, industrious, and friendly people.

About forty miles below Kacunda, several yet unknown towns intervening, the Niger receives its greatest tributary, the Tsadda, called sometimes the Shary, and which has been traced flowing by Jacoba on the south of Houssa; but its origin and early course are unknown. At the junction, it is little inferior to the main stream, and navigated by numerous boats. Funda, reported the greatest emporium

of this part of Africa, is about three days' sail up the Tsudda. At the junction of the two rivers is a commercial town, of very considerable magnitude, named Cuttum Currafe.

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Towns of importance continue to occur in the course of the Niger downwards. Bocqua, about 80 miles below Kacunda, is the seat of a very large market, much frequented: it is followed by Abbazaca and Dammagoo. Kirre, a large market town, is about fifty miles below Bocqua. Here commences the Delta of the Niger, which, at this place, detaches a branch supposed to flow to Benin Eboe. Seventy miles below Kirree is a large town, commonly called the Eboe country; it forms the great mart from which the ports on the coast are supplied with slaves and

To complete the picture of Central Africa, it remains to mention the countries on the upper Niger, as celebrated as any of those now enumerated. For 400 or 500 miles above Yacorie, indeed, the shores of this great river are almost entirely unknown, as Park, unfortunately, never returned to relate his navigation down to that city. At the end of the above reach, however, occurs the most important

city in this part of Africa.

Timbuctoo, or Tombuctoo, the celebrated emporium of the commerce in gold, has always shone in the eyes of Europeans with a dazzling and brilliant lustre. Most of the daring and often tragical expeditions into the interior of the contiment had for their object to reach that city. Yet its actual condition, and even magnitude, are still involved in very considerable uncertainty. Major Laing re-sided there for a considerable time, and made the most diligent inquiries; but the result, in consequence of the catastrophe which terminated his career, never reached the European public. Caillie, the only european who has ever returned from that city, was far from being a careful or an accurate observer. From the few positive notices, however, thus obtained, we may infer that the city is neither so

large nor so splendid as rumour represented it.

Timbuctoo, however, being the place where the caravans from Morocco, and most of those from Algiers and Tunis, first touch on the fertile regions of Central Africa, must always possess great commercial importance; and a depôt is found there of the commodities which it affords for exchange with other countries.

Gold, and still more slaves, are the staple articles.

Jenné, or Jinnie, is a city second only to Timbuctoo in commercial importance: it is situated, according to Park, on a tributary of the Niger, but according to Caillié, on a branch separated from, and then reuniting to, that river. In Park's time it was subject to Bambarra; but it has since been occupied, with several of the neighbouring territories, by Sego Ahmadou, a Fellata prince. The population is rated probably too low by M. Caillié at 8000 or 10,000.

The kingdom of Bambarra consists of a beautiful and extensive plain, through which the Niger rolls for about 300 miles, from the point where it becomes navigable for large canoes. The territory is fertile and well cultivated, being to a great extent inundated during the rains. Sego, the capital, in the centre of the kingdom, is divided by the Niger into two parts, the communication between which is maintained by ferries, which are under the control of the government. The place is surrounded by high mud walls, the houses are built of clay, but neatly whitewashed, the streets are commodious, and mosques rise in every quarter. The numerous cances on the river, the crowded population, and the cultiter. The numerous canoes on the river, the crowded population, and the cultivated state of the surrounding country, exhibit altogether a scene of civilization and magnificence scarcely to be expected in the centre of Africa. Park estimated the population at about 30,000. Sansanding is a great commercial town, higher up the Niger, supposed to contain 10,000 people. Its market was the best arranged and supplied that Park saw in Africa. Bammakoo, where the Niger first becomes navigable for large canoes; Maraboo, a great market for salt; Samee, and Silla, near the eastern frontier; are all considerable towns on the Niger.

North of Bambarra are the kingdoms of Massina and Beroo, of which the former is inhabited by the Foulahs, and the latter is famous for its trade in salt. The capital is Walet, said to be larger than Timbuctoo. North-west from Bambarra is Kaarta, a somewhat extensive kingdom, with a sandy and but moderately

fertile soil. The capital is Xemmec. Kasson, west of Kaarta, is a small but fer-tile country, now mostly subject to Kaarta. Manding, the original country of the Mandingoes, adjoining Bambarra on the west, is a mountainous, and rather sterile region, in which gold is found to some extent in the sand of the streams and rivregion, in which goth is bound to the extension and the stream of the research and the stream of the Niger: of these Bouré abounds in gold; Kankan is famous for the great market held at its chief town, at which not only gold and all the products of this part of the world, but European goods in great variety, arms, powder, &c., are exhibited for sale. Wassela is a rich territory, inhabited by an industrious and hospitable people.

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The Azores, or Western Islands, belonging politically to Portugal, are situated between the 37th and 40th degrees of north latitude, and the 25th and 32d of west longitude. They are nine in number: St. Michael and St. Mary, closely adjoining each other; Terceira, Fayal, Pico, Graciosa, and St. George, nearly a group by themselves; Corvo and Flores, considerably to the westward. These islands bear evident marks of having been produced by the action of subterraneous fire, the symptoms of which are still visible, though no volcano is at present burning. The internal heat, however, manifests itself by very striking phenomens. Such, on the island of St. Michael, are the termas, or warm baths, the springs supplying which are so hot as often to burn the hand which touches them. Elsewhere the caldeiras, or boiling springs, rise in columns, not exceeding twelve feet high, but of various diameters, and the burning vapours are formed into clouds, which exhibit a variety of fantastic figures and brilliant tints.

Amid these turbulent elements, the soil is extremely fertile, yielding in the plains abundance of grain, while even from the crevices of the volcanic rocks grow the delicate oranges for which St. Michael is celebrated, and the vines, yielding a wine that resembles without equalling Madeira, which clothe the steep sides of the mountain of Pico. These, with grain, afford materials of an export trade, in exchange for European fabrics and colonial produce. The population is

vaguely estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000.

Though St. Michael is the largest island, being above 100 miles in length, and is also the most fertile, its capital, Ponte Delgada, is not the seat of the general government. This distinction is enjoyed by Angra, in Terceira, in consequence of its comparatively safe harbour. By its good harbour it likewise obtains the exportation of the wine of Pice, which is known by the name of Fayal. The amount, in good years, has been stated at 8000 or 10,000 pipes.

Madeira, also belonging to Portugal, in about 32° north latitude, is a beautiful

and fertile island. It was first distinguished for producing the best sugar known; but, after the rivalry of the West Indies rendered this culture no longer profitable, the islanders applied themselves to wine, which was soon raised to high perfection. The growth of the island is about 20,000 pipes, of which a considerable quantity is sent to America and the East and West Indies; a voyage to tropical climates improving its quality. The very best, however, called "London particular," is imported direct to that capital. The wine trade of Madeira has latterly somewhat declined, in consequence of which the planting of coffee has become general, and with such success that already the berry has become an article of export. Funchal, the capital, is almost an English town, nearly all the opulent inhabitants being merchants of that nation employed in the wine trade, while the Portuguese are generally very poor. Madeira has adjacent to it Porto Santo, a small high island with a good roadstead; and the two Desertas answering to their name. Population, 112,500.

The Canaries, belonging to Spain, are among the most celebrated and beautiful

groups of small islands in the world. They lie about the 28th degree of north latitude, and between the 18th and 18th of west longitude. There are seven principal islands, having a land area of about 3250 square miles, and containing a population of 233,645 souls. These are Teneriffe, Grand Canary, Palma, Lanzarota, Fortaventura, Gomera, and Ferro. These islands consist of mountains which rise abruptly from the shore, and shoot to an amazing height. The Peaks of Teneriffe, the groat landmark to mariners through the Atlantic, is 12,000 feet high.

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The Cape Verd Islands, about eighty miles from Cape Verd, in 16° to 17° north lat, are ten in number, three of which are large, St. Jago, St. Antonio, and St. Nicholas; the rest small, Mayo, Bonavista, Sal, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Brava, and Fogo. The large islands rise in the interior into high mountains, and Fogo (fire) contains a very active volcano. In general, however, the surface is arid, rocky, and much less productive than the Canaries. Long droughts sometimes prevail, and reduce the inhabitants to the greatest distress. Out of a population of 88,000, one-fourth are said to have died of famine in 1831. The chief growth is cotton: a very fine breed of mules an asses is reared, many of which are sent to the West Indies. Goats, poultry, and turtle abound. Salt is formed in large quantities by natural evaporation, particularly in Mayo, where there is an extensive pond, into which the sea is received at high water, and the salt completely formed before next tide. The Portuguese, since the first discovery, have claimed the avaraginty, and maintain a mysernor-general who resides at Poyte Prays.

Several islands lie in the Gulf of Benin. They are, Fernando Po, a fine high large island, lately occupied only by a lawless race, composed of slaves or malefactors escaped from the neighbouring coast. The British government, however, upon the disappointment experienced in regard to Sierra Leone, formed, in 1827, a settlement at this island, the mountainous and picturesque aspect of which afforded hopes of a healthy station; but these have been completely disappointed. Of thirty European settlers taken out, nineteen died. Hopes have been held out, that by a change in the situation of the town, this evil might be greatly mitigated, and Fernando Po would then acquire a double importance, from its vicinity to the mouth of the Niger. Prince's Island is high and wooded; St. Thomas is large and fertile; the petty isle of Annobon is inhabited by a simple native race. These run in a chain to the south-west from the Rio Calebar; and the last three are in nominal subjection to the crown of Portugal.

Ascension is a solitary rock, far out at sea, in lat. 8° 8' north, long. 14° 28' west. It is completely rocky, barren, and long uninhabited; yet from its situation ships often touched there, and letters were even lodged in the crevice of a rock, called "the sailor's post-office." The British have a garrison here. Population, 220.

St. Helena, so celebrated lately as the ocean-prison of the greatest of modern warriors, has now reverted to its original destination, as a place of refreshment for the returning East India ships. It presents to the sea, throughout its whole circuit of twenty-eight miles, an immense perpendicular wall of rock, from 600 to 1200 feet high, like a castle in the midst of the ocean. On the summit is a fertile plain, interspersed with conical eminences, between which picturesque valleys intervene. The climate on the high grounds is very agreeable and temperate, though moist. There are only four small openings in the wall of rock, on the largest of which, where alone a little beach appears, has been built James Town, where the governor resides, and where refreshments, though on a limited scale, are provided for ships. By the India bill of 1833, St. Helena is vested in the crown: the governor is nominated by the king. Population, 5000.

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cially of iron, but only partially worked.

Madagascar contains many fine bays and ports well suited for commercial purposes. Those most frequented are Anton, Gile Bay, on the east side; also, Foul Point, Tamatave, and Port Dauphin; on the west is the Bay of St. Augustine, and several on the north-west coast, of which Bombetok is the chief. On this are the towns of Bombetok and Majunga. The trade here was formerly in slaves, but is now in bullocks, bees-wax, rice, and gums. American vessels often visit this place. The population of Madagascar has been variously estimated at from 1,000,000 to 4,000,000, but is probably about 2,000,000. The people are not savages; they cultivate the ground, and practise some arts; yet are on the whole rather rude and uninformed. They are described as a peculiarly gay, thoughtless, and voluptuous race, void of care and foresight, and always cheerful and good-humoured. They are divided into a number of small tribes, who wage very frequent wars with each other.

The most important people in Madagascar lately have been the Ovahs, occupying an extensive and high plain in the interior, whose sovereign, Radama, the first chief in Madagascar who assumed the title of king, had reduced to vassalage the largest and finest part of the island. He had formed c train of artillery, and armed a great part of his troops with muskets, and had also sent a number of young natives to obtain instruction in Paris and London. With the aid of the English missionaries, he had established a printing-press, and trained a number of teachers, both male and female, who were distributed through various parts of the kingdom. Unhappily, this prince, in July, 1829, was poisoned by his wife, who immediately raised an unworthy paramour to the throne. This event has introduced great anarchy, inducing several subject states to shake off the yoke; and there seems much room to fear that it will arrest entirely the career of improvement commenced under such prosperous auspices. Radama's kingdom has been called Imerina, of which the capital is Tananarivou, with a population of about 8000.

The French have made frequent attempts to form colonies in Madagascar, which they even repeated in 1829, but never with any important result. They have small stations, however, at St. Mary, Tamatave, Foul Point, and near Fort

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a The Mascarenha Isles are situated due east from the central parts of Madagascar, and from 400 to 500 miles distant. They are the islands of Bourbon and Mauritius. The former is about forty-eight miles long and thirty-six broad. It consists entirely of the heights and slopes of two great mountains, the most southerly of which contains a volcano in perpetual activity, throwing up fire, emoke, and ashes, with a floise truly tremendous. A great part consists of what the French call burnt country, a complete desert of hard black soil, with numerous

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holes and crevices. The rest, however, well watered by numerous torrents, is favourable not only for the ordinary tropical products, but for some fine aromatic plants. The Portuguese discovered this island in 1899; but being taken by the French in 1642, it was called Bourbon, which name it has resumed, after bearing, during the revolutionary period, that of Réunion. Coffee brought from Mocha in 1718, succeeded so well that the Bourbon coffee was considered second only to the Arabian. At a later period, its cloves came into some rivalry with those of Amboyna. All other objects of culture, however, have lately become secondary to that of sugar, which has been found profitable beyond any other. The population of Bourbon, in 1836, was 106,099—36,803 colonists, and 69,296 slaves, of whom 57,346 were employed in agricultural labour. The exports were valued at \$3,348,779; the imports at \$9,753,908. The island labours under the disadvantage of not

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Mauritius, or the Isle of France, is about 120 miles east of Bourbon, not quite so large, yet still 150 miles in circuit. The rugged mountains which cover a great part of the island give it a somewhat sterile character, and it does not yield grain even for its limited population; yet the lower slopes produce coffee, cotton, indigo, and sugar of improved quality. It was called Isle of France, and became the capital of the French possessions in the Indian seas. It was considered impregnable, and remained in their undisputed possession after the greatest disasters which befell their arms on the continent. It became then a strong-hold for privateers, who are said, in ten years, to have taken prizes to the value of £2,500,000. At length, in 1910, it yielded to the arms of Britain, with less resistance than was expected. Since 1812, when its sugars were admitted at the same duties as those from the West Indies, this branch of culture has taken a great precedence over all others; the produce, from about 5,000,000 pounds, having risen, in 1837, to about 70,000,000. In that year, the export of coffee was trifling. Its ebony, the finest in the world, and its tortoise-shell, are each worth about £9000 annually. The imports, in 1837, were estimated at £1,035,783; and the exports at £831,050. The island, in 1836, contained 99,147 inhabitants, of whom 29,612 were whites and free negroes, and 61,045 apprenticed labourers (blacks), who are now manumited, and 1490 strangers. Port Louis is a good harbour, with rather a difficult entrance. It affords every convenience for careening and refitting; but provisions, being all imported, are not very abundant.

A considerable number of islets, single or in groups, spot the Indian Ocean to the east of Africa. Of dependencies on Mauritius, Rodriguez contains only 123 inhabitants, Diego Garcia 275, Galega 199. The Seychelles, nearly north from Madagascar, with the bordering group of the Almirantes, are a cluster of very small islands, high and rocky, and little fitted for any culture except cotton; but they abound with cocoa-nuts, and their shores with turtle and excellent fish. The

Seychelles have a population of about 7000. Mahe, the chief town, has 100 houses and a garrison of 30 men.

The Comoro Islands, a group of four, between Madagascar and the continent, are very elevated and mountainous in the interior; but the lower tracts abound in sheep, cattle, and all the tropical grains and fruits. The inhabitants are mild and industrious, but they have been most dreadfully infested and their numbers thinned by the Madagascar pirates, who make an annual inroad, laying waste the open country, and blockading the towns. Angazicha, or Great Comoro, is the largest, containing a mountain supposed to rise 6000 or 7000 feet high; but Anjouan, or Johanna, is the most flourishing, its chief town being supposed still to contain 3000 inhabitants. Mohilla and Mayotta are comparatively small.

Socotra, forty leagues east from Cape Guardafui, is governed by the sheik of Keshin, a petty state on the south-east coast of Arabia, who sends one of his family annually to collect the revenue. It is twenty-seven leagues long and seven broad; mountainous, rocky, and arid; yet it yields the best aloes in the world, and a small quantity of dragon's-blood. Though the coast is bold, it affords excellent harbours; and ships may procure bullocks, goats, fish, and excellent dates, at reasonable prices. This island was recently selected by the East India Company as a station for the vessels connected with the steam navigation of the Red Sea; but being found unhealthy, has been abandoned.

Assa is an immense continent, the largest in the ancient world; and, perhaps, nearly equal to Europe and Africa united. It is surrounded by sea through much the greater part of its outline, which, though broken by large golfs and peninsulas, presents generally a huge unbroken mass, formed into a kind of irregular square. On a general estimate, and contiting the most prominent points, we may state Asia at 6000 miles in length, and 4000 in breadth; which, supposing a regular figure, und give 24,000,000 square miles; but, in consideration of the many interesting a considerable deduction must be read.

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exites, om-Red The boundaries of Asia are chiefly formed by the great oceans. On the north it has the Arctic or Frozen Ocean; to the east and south it faces the great Pacific, which separates it from America by almost half the breadth of the globe. On the south, however, this ocean is enclosed by the islands of Malaysia so as to form a gulf of vast dimensions, called the Indian Ocean. The western limit alone touches on the other continents, and constitutes a very varied line of land and sea. From the north, opposite to Nova Zembia, a chain of mountains, called the Urals, breaks the uniformity of the great northern steppes. From the termination of that chain to the river Don the line is somewhat vague; but thence, that river, the Black Sea, the straits connecting it with the Mediterranean, and the Mediterranean itself, form a distinct boundary. Asia is joined to Africa by the isthmus of Suez, and separated from it by the long canal of the Red Sea. The immense expanse of its territory presents every possible variety of site and climate, from the dreary confines of the polar world to the heart of the tropical regions. Every thing in Asia is on a vast scale; its mountains, its table-lands, its plains, its deserts. The grandest feature, and one which makes a complete section of the continent, is a chain of mountains, which, at various heights, and under various names, but with very little, if any, interruption, crosses Asia from the Mediterranean to the eastern see. Taurus, Caucasus, and the Himmaleh, are the best known portions of this chain. On one side it has southern Asia, the finest and most extensive plain in the world, covered with the richest tropical products, watered by magnificent rivers proceeding from this great storehouse, and filled with populous nations and great empires. On the other side, this chain serves as a bulwark to the wide table-land of Thibet, which, though under the latitude of the south of Europe, has many of the characteristics of a northern region. To the north, the recent observations of Humboldt exhibit three parallel chains; the Kuen-lun, or Moor Tagh, the Thian-chan, or Celestial Mountains, and the Altaian. These also support table-lands; but not, it appears, so very elevated as has hitherto been supposed. They are not believed by that traveller generally to exceed 4000 or 5000 feet in height, and in many places enjoy a mild and temperate climate, yielding not only grain, but wine and silk. The Altaian chain separates Middle Asia from Siberia. Some of the southern districts have been found by the Russians capable of supporting numerous herds of cattle; but the rest is abandened to wild animals, not generally of a ferocious description, but by the beneficence of nature covered with rich and precious furs, which afford a great object for hunting and trade:

One grand feature of Middle Asia consists in large lakes or inland seas, salt like the ocean, receiving considerable rivers, and having no outlet. These are, the Caspian, the Aral, the Baikal, and several others of lesser magnitude. No continent has so many rivers of the first misgnitude, some of which yield in length of course only to the amazing waters of the New World. We may distinguish in Asia three systems of rivers; one, comprising the most distinguished and important streams, descends from the principal chain of mountains, fertilizes the great southern empires, and falls into the Indian Ocean. The most remarkable streams of this class are the Euphrates, the Indus, and the Ganges. Again, from the parallel chain which separates Tartary from Siberia is another series of rivers, which direct their course to the Northern Ocean; the Obe, the Irtysh, the Yenisel, and the Lens,—gloomy streams, of vast length; but flowing in this inhospitable region, and bound by almost perpetual frost, they afford little aid either to agriculture or to the intercourse of nations. A third system consists of the rivers which, rising in the high mountain centre of Asia, flow across the empire of China, to whose prosperity they mainly contribute, and fall into the Eastern Pacific. The Amour runs in the same direction through Northern Tartary, but without any profit to that barren district. Lastly, the Sir, the Amou, and others of great magnitude, though secondary to the above, flow along the great plains of Western Tartary; but, unable to reach the ocean, expand into the Aral, the Caspian, and other inland sees.

In regard to its social and political state, Asia presents, of course, a most varied scene; and yet there are some features which at once strike us as generally charecteristic of this continent. Among these is the transmission of institutions, usages, and manners unaltered from the earliest ages. The life of the patriarchs, as described in the earliest of existing historical records, is still found unchanged in the Arab tent. Asia, at a very early period, anterior even to the commencement of regular history, appears to have made a vast stride in civilization; but then she stopped, and has suffered herself to be far outstripped by the originally less advanced nations of Europe.

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The despotism to which the people of Asia are generally subjected is connected, probably, with this stationary character. A republic, an hereditary aristocracy, a representative assembly, a regular control of any kind, are, except in some local and peculiar circumstances, ideas altogether foreign to the mind of an Asiatic.

Oriental sovereigns, even the greatest, still maintain the primitive institution of sitting and administering justice in person. Though immutable in their forms of court and maxims of government, they are changeable as to their place of residence and seat of empire. Every successive prince usually selects some favourite city which he either creates or raises from insignificance, and lavishes his wealth

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The number of communities of chiefs, and even of princes, making a regular. trade of robbery, is another feature that strongly characterises Asia. They carry
it on in no claudestine manner, but avowedly, even boastfully, and as a calling
which they consider as honest and respectable. The numerous tracts of mountain
and desert afford them holds in which to maintain themselves; and these are seliom far distant from some rich plair, or great commercial route, on which to exercise their depredations. Arabia, from the earliest times, has been a hive of such

plunderers.

The aspect and manners of the Orientals are different from those of Europeans, and in many respects exhibit a decided contrast. Instead of our tight short and in many respects exhibit a decided contrast. Instead of our tight short in many respects exhibit a decided contrast. clothes, they wear long floating robes, wrapped loosely round the body. In enter-ing the house, or wishing to show respect, when we would take off the hat, they take off the sandal. They make no use of chairs, tables, plates, knives, forks, or spoons. At meals they seat themselves cross-legged on the floor, and eat out of a large wooden bowl placed in the middle, and filled, not with our solid joints, but usually with stews or sweetmeats. They use no beds, or at least nothing that we would call a bed. An Oriental, going to sleep, merely spreads a mat, adjusts his clothes in a certain position, and lays himself down. Their household furniture is thus exceedingly simple, consisting of little more than carpets covering the room, and sofas set round it, both which are of peculiar beauty and fineness. Their attire is also simple, though composed, among the rich, of fine materials Their attire is also simple, though composed, among the rich, of fine materials, and profusely ornamented with jewels and precious stones. Their arms and the trappings of their horses are also objects on which they make a studied display of magnificence. The beard, over all the East, is allowed to grow, and is regarded with reverence.

In their disposition and temper, the people of the East show striking peculiari-ties. They are grave, serious, and recluse; they have no balls, no theatres, no numerous assemblages; and they regard that lively social interecurse in which Europeans delight, as silly and frivolous. Unless when roused by strong incite-

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ments to action, they remain stretched on their sofas, and view as little better than madesen those whom they see walking about for amusement and recreation. Their moral qualities cannot be very easily estimated, but may be generally ranked below those of Europeans. Their domestic attachments are strong, and their reverence for ancestry deep; their deportment is usually mild and courteous; and they show themselves capable of generous and benevolent actions. The sentiments and conduct of the Asiatics towards the female sex are such as cannot exist without a general degradation of character. The practice of polygamy, with the jealous confinement to which it naturally leads, seems to be the radical source of this evil. The exclusion of the sex from society; the Hindoo maxim which prohibits them from reading, writing, and being present at religious ceremonies; are evidently parts of a general system for reducing them to an inferior rank in the scale of creation. It is true there is one local example (in Thibst) of an opposite system,—female sway, and a plurality of husbands; but this is evidently no more than a capricious exception to the general rule.

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The pure and refined system of Christianity, though it was first communicated to Asia, has not maintained its ground. Two systems of faith divide Asia between them: one is that of Mahomet, which, by the arms of his followers and of the conquering Tartars of Central Asia, has been thoroughly established over all the western tracts as far as the Indus. It even became, for centuries, the ruling religion in India, though without ever being that of the body of the people. The other is the Hindoo religion, divided into its two great sects of Brahma and Buddha; the former occupying the whole of Hindoostan, the latter having its centre in Thibet, filling all the east of Asia and Tartary, and penetrating even north of the

The useful arts are cultivated in the Asiatic empires with somewhat peculiar diligence. Agriculture is carried on with great industry and care, though by less skilful processes, and with much ruder machinery, than in Europe. A much smaller amount of capital, particularly in live stock, is employed upon the land. The cultivators scarcely rise above the rank of peasantry. The chief expenditure is upon irrigation; for, in all these tropical regions, water alone is required to produce plentiful crops. Asia has also a number of manufactures, which, though conducted with small capitals and simple machinery, are not equalled in richness and heauty by those of any other part of the world. All the efforts of European art and capital have been unequal fully to imitate the carpets of Persia, the muslins of India, the porcelain of China, and the lacquered ware of Japan. Commerce, though fettered by the jealousy of the great potentates, is very active throughout Asia. The commerce of Europe is principally maritime; that of Africa principally inland. Asia combines both. Her interior caravan trade is very considerable, though much diminished since Europe ceased to be supplied by this channel. The native maritime trade on her southern coasts is also considerable, but the foreign trade, particularly that carried on by the English nation with India and China, has now acquired a superior importance.

The animal kingdom of this great continent is as vast, as the climate of the

regions it comprehends is diversified.

The elephant, though never bred in a tame state, may be placed at the head of its domestic animals. The inhabitants of India appear to have known and practised, at the time Alexander's army entered the country, the very same modes of capturing, training, and employing them, which are used at the present day. Its services appear to be universal, and it is as essential to the Indian sportsman as a good horse to an English fox-hunter. Domestication has so far counteracted the instinct of nature, that tame elephants are employed to decoy and catch their wild brethren. Immense troops of the latter still roam over the northern parts of India, in Ceylon, Chin India, particularly in Laos, and probably in all the larger

of the neighbouring islands.

White elephants are occasionally met with. They are, however, so rare that
the king of Siam considered the possession of six individuals at one time, a circumstance peculiarly auspicious to his reign. They are believed to contain the
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and have also numerous attendants who wait on and feed them with the greatest care and solicitude. When taken abroad, the people, both in Siam and Birmah, are chilged to prestrate themselves, as before their actual covereign. The white elephants in those cognitries are mostly brought from the interior district of Laos, and are of both sexes. The hair on their bodies is generally very thin, and approaches to the feed colour.

The common domestic animals of Asia present greater varieties of species than those of any other region, and though no longer found, except in a few instances, in a state of nature, are still proverbial for their symmetry and vigour. In Arabia, particularly, the horse is of all other animals the object of most especial care and value. In no other part of the world does he display so much gentleness, intelligence, and spirit. The nomadic and pastoral nations which have from time immemorial occupied the plains of Asia, are universally an equestrian people. They may be said to live almost on herseback, and indeed it would be impossible for them to carry on their predatory expeditions, or to traverse the vast possible for them to carry on their predatory expeditions, or to traverse the vast steppes of the central districts, without the aid of this noble animal. His fisch also supplies them with their favourite food, and the milk of the mare is the greatest dainty of a Tartar feast. Wild horses are reported to exist in the interior of Tartary, where the inhabitmus hunt them for the sake of their fiesh. Nothing can present a greater contrast than the comparison of the degraded and degenerate ass of Europe wi'n the same animal in his native country. Instead of the dejected air, shaggy coat. purched dimensions, and miserable, half-starved ap-

the dejected ar, snaggy car. Dincer dimensions, and miserable, hair-starved appearance, which he present in these countries, the ass of Persia, Syria, and the Levant, approaches nearer to the large size of the horse, and partakes much of his beautiful symmetry of form, noble carriage, and unrivalled speed.

The camel and dromedary are no doubt of Asiatic origin. They are mentioned among the earliest lists of the flocks and herds of the patriarcha. The former, which is distinguished from the latter by having two humps on the back instead of one, appears to have been in all ages more limited and confined in its geographical distribution than the latter species. The camel is found chiefly, if not solely, among the wandering Tartars, from the confines of Siberia to the northern ridges of the Himmalsh Mountains; whilst the dromedary appears not only over ridges of the Himmaleh Mountains; whilst the dromedary spreads not only over Arabia, Spria, Mesopotamia, and Persia, but extends into India, and probably even into Chine, and is also widely spread over all the northern and sandy parts of

Of the ox kind, four distinct varieties have been from time immemorial domesticated in different parts of Asia. The common Indian ox is the usual beast of draught and burden in Hindcostan, and, from its great speed, is frequently used for the middle, even by Europeans. The Yak has been long domesticated in the common in India and Chine, supplies the inhabitants with milk and butter. The fourth species, the Gayal, frequent among the Burmese and in Thibet, is also found wild in many parts, and is, in that state, a formidable animal, being as much dreaded by the native hunters as the tiger.

The varieties of sheep and goats are numerous in Asia. The broad-tailed sheep a widely dispersed. The tail is the best part of the animal, for the flesh is dry and insipid; and instead of wool, the body is covered with a short coarse hair, unfit for manufacturing purposes. From the fleece of the shawl-gost of Cashmere, the Indians manufacture those rich and valuable shawls which are so highly esteemed in Europe, as well as throughout the East. The Angora goat is an inferior variety of the shawl-goat, whose long wool is of a tolerably fine texture, but not adapted to the same purposes as the richer wool of the Cashmerian animal. The hog, though found wild in most parts of Asia, is a domestic only among the Chinese, who appear to esteem its flesh in proportion to the detestation with which it is regarded by the followers of Mohammed and Buddha.

The southern parts of Asia are chiefly characterized as being the native region of those large aper which the credulity of early travellers metamorphosed into wild men, and which some modern naturalists would persuade us form part of the same order as that to which we ourselves belong. Various species of these dis-

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gusting caricatures of the human form are scattered in the southern extremities of the two great peninsulas of Hindoostan, Malaya, and the neighbouring islands. Among the carnivorous animals are three or four species of bears. One of these, the Syrian bear, Intely discovered on Mount Lebanon, is frequently mestioned by the excred writers. The others inhabit the Himmsalch and other more castern ranges, except one species which is found in the jungles on the plains of India. Besides those, the common brown bear of Europe, and the white or polar bear, abound in Siberia, Kamtschatka, and the shores of the Fresen Ocean. The tiger, the most savage and formidable of all the rapacious animals, exhits only in Asia and the neighbouring isles. The rimsu dahan, or black tiger, a large species but lately described, inhabits Sians and Sumatra; and the leopard and panther are common among the forests of India. The lion also has been lately found in the province of Gujerat, but, unlike the African variety, he is without a mane, and appears to be altogether a much less formidable animal. The striped hysens is common in all the warmer parts of the continent, and various species of wild dogs and foxes are everywhere abundant.

Two different species of rhinoceres are known to inhabit the continent of India, and the great islands contiguous to the Malayan peninsula. The continental, or one-horned species, is a common inhabitant of the swampy banks of all the great rivers. Thicker and more unwieldy, for his size, than the elephant, he exhibits, in confinement, much of the singular sagacity observed in that gigantic animal. A young one, lately alive in Paris, eviaced many such habits. He smelt at everything, and seemed to prefer sweet fruits, and even sugar itself, to any other food. Like the elephant, he collected and held everything intended for his mouth with the movable upper lip; and when he ate hay, he formed it first into little build sate only that the bodily strength of this creature can be fully estimated, and this is frequently displayed in a surprising degree. Its power is sufficient to overcome the active ferocity of the lion and the ponderous strength of the elephant, but this is only exerted in self-defence. The rhinoceros derives all his food from the vegetable kingdom, and is quiet and peaceable when left to himself.

The varieties of deer are numerous, while the antelepes are but scanty. Of the former, one species, the Thibet musk, is peculiar. It is about the size of a small goet. Both sexes are without horns; but the musk is produced by the male only. This perfume has always been held in high esteem throughout the East, and when genuine and pure, is said to be sometimes sold for its weight in gold. This animal inhabits the highest points of the Himmaleh and Thibetian mountains, seldom descending below the snow line, and leaping among the rooks and precipices with the security of the chamois and ibex. There are also several kinds of gazelles, one species of which furnishes the poet with a favourite metaphor; gazelle-eyed being one of the highest complimentary epithets that can be bestowed upon a lady.

The birds of Asia are of great variety, and many of them of splendid plumage. The peacock is the glory of Indian ornithology, and appears to have been introduced into Europe about the time of Alexander. It is, without doubt, the most superb bird in creation, although a familiar acquaintance with its form takes something from that admiration which it would otherwise excite. It occurs in the greatest profusion over the extensive plains of India, where it grows to a much larger size than with us, and where domesticated individuals occur sometimes of a pure white colour. The most valuable of our domestic fowls, the common cock and hen, are still found wild in the woods of India, and are replaced in the adjacent islands by other varieties more beautiful than that domesticated in Europe. The pheasants are of numerous species, and are remarkable for the varied and brilliant colours of their plumage. The cassawary is a native of Chin India and the large islands of Malaysia. Like the ostrich, it does not fly, but uses its wings as an assistance in running. Its speed is great, and it nearly equals that bird in size, and is distinguished by the same voracious appetite.

Purroquets and parrots are numerous. Many of the latter are eminently beautiful, and one, the vernal parrot, is not larger than a sparrow. The gigantic crane,

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Besides the shove enumerated birds, nearly all the European species of corresponding latitude are found, even in the most distant parts of the continent, apparently so identical that specimens from the two localities cannot be distinguished even by the difference of a feather. The common house-sparrow, for instance, is found in the Himmaleh Mountains, and is as abundant about the villages of

Upper Nepaul as in any part of England.

The fishes of Asia are so nearly similar to those of the other continents, as to render an account of them not so necessary as of other divisions of the animal kingdom: like birds, they possess powers of locomotion denied to land animals, and it is consequently to the latter class/only that we can look for those striking peculiarities which would render an account of them interesting to the general reader.

The reptiles of Asia are exceedingly numerous, and of great variety of species. In the rivers of India are found large crocodiles, different from those of Africa. The serpents are various, and many are of the most deadly nature: one species, only an inch and a half long, is said to destroy the person bitten by causing an unconquerable and deadly sleep. The southern regions and islands are inhabited by others of a very large size, as the great Python, usually considered the same with the Bos Constrictor of the New World and the Anaconda most common in Ceylon, said to be of sufficient bulk and strength to destroy the tiger in its deadly folds. The celebrated hooded snake, or Cobra de Capello, is peculiar to India, and, with other species, is well known to be tamed by the Indian jugglers.

The Chameleons are natives of Asia no less then of Africa, and are now known to comprise several species. One of the most remarkable reptiles yet discovered is probably the flying dragon, from which perhaps the fabulous writers of antiquity derived their notion of the formidable monster figured in old books. This, however, is a small and inoffensive little animal, distinguished from the lizard tribe by having on each side of the body a broad membrane like a wing, strengthened by bony processes; it wanders about trees in search of insects, and is thus enabled to spring from bough to bough, and support itself a few minutes in the

The insects of Asia are inferior in number and variety only to the New World. The Atlas bootle, near five inches in length, from its size and singularity of shape, is among the most remarkable of its kind. The splendid Buprestis Vittats, with many others of equal size and beauty, are so much admired by the Chinese that they are kept in cages when alive, and when dead are used as ornaments for dress. All the varieties of the silk-worm are found in Asia: one species along which garments are made less fine in texture, but much more durable, the though which garments are made less fine in texture, but much more durable, the though the stems of the plants on which it is found in thick clusters: the natives collect this, and melt it a vegetable oil, which, when cold, becomes as firm as beestwax, and when the transition throughout China.

Some of the shallow of Asia are peculiar; of these, the hammer-shaped oysters are found something in great number; to the submarine rocks on the southern coasts. The Pearl Systers are aboutant in similar situations, and, when

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large, furnish that beautiful substance called mother-of-pearl. The criental pearlfisheries are well known to produce great wealth: the principal of these are on the west coast of Ceylon, and along the shores and islands of Hajar on the Persian Gulf. The former has greatly declined in value, but the latter is said to be on the increase. The most remarkable species of shell-fish in the world is the Tridacna gigas, of which the valves sometimes exceed four feet in length, and, with the animal, is of the enormous weight of 500 pounds: it adheres to the rocks by such a strong ligament, that it can call be enormated with a batcher. rocks by such a strong ligament, that it can only be separated with a hatchet. The cartilage of the hinge, when cut and polished, is so beautifully iridescent as nearly to rival the opal.

The various languages spoken between the Ganges, the Bay of Bengal, an the Atlantic Count, throughout Western Asia, present numerous and striking resembling the indicate supposed to have had a common origin. The Sanctrit is the larguage of the sacred books of the Brahminical religion, and the parent of

the large of the sacred books of the Brahminical religion, and the parent of the numerous dialects of Hindcostan. The Bali, which resembles the Sancrit, is the scred language of the Boddhists, in Thibet, Ceylon, and Farther India. The principal languages of Hindcostan are the Tamul, Bengalee, Hindcostanes, and Ceylonese. The language of the Gypsies, or Zinganes, who wander throughout Europe, differs little from the dialects of northern India.

The Persian language excels in sweetness and melody, and has been much cultivated. The modern Persian has a mixture of Arabic and Turkish. The language of Cabul or Afghanistan is derived apparently from the Persian and Sancrit, and is commonly called Pocahtoo. The Persian only is used here in composition. The Bucharian is also derived from the Persian. The Aremaic family comprises the Hebray and Chaldee, which are dead languages; the String family comprises the Hebray and Chaldee, which are dead languages; the String. family comprises the Hebrew and Chaldee, which are dead languages; the Syriac, which is only spoken to a limited extent; the Arabic, and the Ethiopic. Arabic has been spoken and written through a long series of ages. It is the lan-guage of the Koran, or sacred book of the Mahometans; and has thus been spread as extensively as the religion of the Prophet. It is spoken in its greatest purity in Yemen, and is admired for its copiousness and strength. Corrupt dialects are spoken throughout Western Asia, Independent Tartary, and Northern Africa. It is taught in schools in all Mahometan countries. The Armenian is a peculiar

language, but evidently allied to the other languages of the European race.

The languages of eastern Asia, comprising those of China, Corea, Japan, Thibet, and Chin India, are very peculiar in their structure, and have many resemblances to each other, either in radical words or grammatical form: they are classed together under the name of Monosyllabic languages. The Chinese written language is a collection of hieroglyphical characters, one of which, either simple or compound, is employed to express every idea; thus, the characters of sun and moon united, denote splendour. The number of elementary characters is stated to be 214; the compound exceed 40,000. The language of conversation consists of about 330 monosyllables. These are so varied by accents as to form 1300 words; but the variation is so slight, that it is often necessary to trace the character with the finger in the air, in order to make a word intelligible.

The Japanese, the Corean, the Thibetan, and the Anamic, which is spoken in

Cochin Chine, Tonquin, and Cambodia, contain many Chinese words. The Avan Birman, has many resemblances to the Thibetan. The Siamese is the most sculiar in its character, and extends throughout Laos, into the southern provinces of China and also into Assam. The Peguan, in the south of the Birman empire, is little known.

The languages of northern and central Asia, are less cultivated and less understood than the receding. The Mongolian and its dialects are spoken throughout the greater part of Chinese Tartary, and extend from Thibet on the south, to the Yenesei on the north. The Tungousian is an original language, of which the Mantchoorian of eastern Tartery is a refined and written dialect. They are spoken from the peninsula of Corea to the northern Ocean. The Tungousian and Mongolian present numerous striking resemblances to each other, and to the Turco-Tartarian languages, both in radical words and grangua in prima cipal remaining families of northern Asia, are the Samoyeds and fa

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In all estimates relative to the population of this great continent, the utmost uncertainty pravails: nothing like the enumerations made by the authority of some of the European governments, and by that of the United States, have ever been attempted, except in the case of the pretended census made in China, the extravagance of which renders it questionable: that made of Siberia, in 1801, from the great extent and thinly populated state of the country, together with the unsettled and raying character of the numerous tribes by which it is peopled, makes it of doubtful authority. The following statement conforms to the more moderate enumerations of the most approved writers:

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Turkey in Asia	8,000,000
Syria, including Palestine	2,500,000
Arabia	8,000,000
Persia	8,500,000
Afghanistan and Beloochistan	8,000,000
Hindoostan	. 147.540.000
Chin India Chinese Empire Japan	14,000,000
Chinese Empire	227,000,000
Japan	15,000,000
Independent Tartary	10,000,000
Total.	. 453,000,000

ASIATIC RUSSIA.

ASIATIC RUSSIA is an immense tract of country, stretching from Russia in Europe to the Pacific Ocean, an extent in length of about 4000 miles, and from the Arctic Ocean on the north, to the borders of the Chinese empire. Independent Tartary, Persia, and Turkey on the south, exhibiting an average breadth of about 1800 miles, and containing an area of probably near 6,250,000 square miles. This region comprises Siberia, which is by far the most extensive portion of it, together with the territories lying on both sides of the Volga river; and north of the Caspian Sea also, those traversed by the great chain of Caucasus, and situated between the Caspian and Black Seas. The population of the whole region, though imperfectly known, may be assumed at about 5,000,000 souls.

SIBERIA.

SIBERIA contains nearly a third part of the continent of Asia; a great portion of which is included within the limits of the Frozen Zone, constituting one of the most forlorn and desolate regions of the globe. The face of the country, for the most part, like European Russia, tends to a level, but by far the greater portion has not been much traversed, and is therefore but imperfectly known. The borders of the Arctic Ocean consist chiefly of marshy plains buried in almost perpetual ice and snow, and are nearly destitute of inhabitants. Much of the interior of Siberia is occupied by those wide and extensive deserts, called Steppes, or elevated plains, which are of a dull uniformity of aspect; marshy, covered with long rank grass and aquatic shrubs, and filled with almost numberless saline lakes; but other parts in which the soil and climate admit the growth of trees, abound in extensive forests, and many portions of the southern districts are comparatively rich and fortile.

For its western boundary, Siberia has the long chain of the Urals, which rise to the height of not more than from 3000 to 4000 feet: at the eastern extremity of the southern border commences the vast Altaian range, which under the various

names of Urgan, Daba, Great Altai, Little Altai, Yablanoy, and Stannovoy Mountains, extend eastward to Kamtschatka. The rivers of this region, in regard to length of course and volume of water, rival the greatest of the ancient, world, and have mostly a northern direction, flowing into the Frozen Ocean; the shores of which are barred by almost perpetual ice. The greatest of these are the Obe, the Yenisei, and the Lena; the secondary rivers are chiefly the tributaries of the large ones; besides these, are the Olensk, the Yana, the Indighirca, and the Kolima. Siberia contains one large lake, the Baikal, 300 miles in length by 50 in breadth; its waters are fresh, and abound with sturgeon and other fish; also with seals, the presence of which seems very remarkable, considering the distance from the sea. The chief of the other lakes, are the Tchany and Soumy, the Piacinskoie, and the Taimourskoie.

No part of this extensive country belonged to Russia, till about the middle of the 15th century, nor was it completely subdued and attached to it, till it was conquered by Peter the Great and Catherine II., in the early part of the eighteenth. The inhabitants were formerly almost wholly wanderers, but u large portion now

reside in towns, villages, and settled habitations.

Siberia is divided into the two great governments of Tobolsk or Western, and that of Irkoutek or Eastern Siberia: these are subdivided; the former into the provinces of Tobolsk, Tomsk, and Kolhyvan; and the latter into those of Irkoutsk, Yakoutak, Nertchinek, Ochotsk, and Kamtschatka. The population of this great region is extremely thin and widely scattered, not averaging more than one to every five miles: the enumeration of 1801, give for the woole number of inhabitants 1,038,356, which, if the area is reckoned at 5,000,500 square miles, will be

about the result stated. Siberia serves as a place of banishment for delinquents, and many prisoners of state have been sent here; oftentimes men of rank and intelligence, who have greatly contributed to civilize and improve those parts of the country to which they have been banished. The two great capitals, Tobolsk and Irkoutsk, have acquired, to a considerable extent, the polish of European society. Hospitality, the virtue of rude and recluse regions, is said to be most liberally exercised throughout Siberia. On the other hand, the Russian vice of drunkenness seems to

be copied with most ample addition. In no country are there found so many different races of people as in the Russian empire. The chief of the various native tribes of Siberia, are the Samoyeds, Tungouses, Ostiaks, Tartars, Buraits, Yakoutes, Koriaks, Tchuktchi, &c. On the extreme shores of the Arctic Ocean wander the Samoyeds, who have been called extreme shores of the Arctic Ocean wander the Samoyeds, who have been called the last of men. They are a meagre and stunted race, in their habits fifthy in the extreme, and sunk in gross superstition and idolatry. The Laplander in Europe, and the Esquimaux in North America, are very similar in appearance, and are probably the same people. The Tungouses are found chiefly on the Yenisei and Lena, and their tributaries: they possess herds of reindeer; but nearly their sole employments are hunting and fishing along the great Siberian rivers. They are described by those who have had intercourse with them, as frank, honest, and brave; and they are mostly votaries of the Shaman creed. The Ostiaks are found on the Ohe and its tributaries: they are like the Shaman creed. on the Obe and its tributaries: they are like the Samoyeds of diminutive size, with hair of a yellowish or reddish tint, and features destitute of beauty. They live mostly by fishing, and occasionally by the chase; and are said to be distinguished by great simplicity of manners, goodness of heart, and open hospitality. The Tartars people the southern parts of Siberia, from the Urals to the Upper Obe; these are attached to the general habits of their countrymen, a wandering life occupied almost exclusively in the rearing of cattle, particularly horses, making horse flesh and fermented mares' milk their favourite luxuries. The Buraits, who live in the vicinity of Lake Baikal, are a Tartar tribe, and similar in their habits and modes of life to the rest of that race. The Yakoutes occupy the banks of the Lena, and in their habits and pursuits, much resemble the Tungouses, though they are considered, on the whole, as less during and active. Far to the north, in particular, they dwindle into a poor and stunted race. In the extreme north-east part of Siberia reside the Tchuktchi, a people

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who have preserved entire the independence so long lost by all the other tribes of these regions. They meet the Russians, however, for purposes of trade at the fair of Ostroonoi, of whom they are extremely jealous, having been formerly much imposed on in trading, but are now rendered by experience more wary and cautious. They exchange tobacco, hardware, cutlery, &c. for sea-horse teeth, and the skins and furs of the various sea and land animals, of their own and the opposite coasts of America. They are described as a stout, rough, honest, bold, and fearless race.

Agriculture in Siberia is extremely limited; a very great portion of the soil being entirely unfitted by nature for this important pursuit. The finest farming district extends from the Irtysh to the Angars, along the base of the Altai Mountains: here good crops of cats, rye, and barley are produced; culture is, however, limited not only by the indolence of the people, and the want of a distant market, but by the almost exclusive taste of the Tartar inhabitants for pasturage and the rearing of horses.

The most important natural productions of Siberia are drawn from its mines. Those of the Urals are of gold, platina, copper, and iron; of which the supply of the two last is very great. The mines of the Altai are in the provinces of Kolhyvan and Nertchinsk: they are of gold, silver, and copper: these mines are worked on behalf of the government with slaves, who consist mostly of banished convicts; a great variety of minerals are also found. Among the Urals are met with diamonds, emeralds, topazes, and rock salt, of which the latter is worked to a great extent; and the Altai mountains produce the topaz, the beryl, the onyz, lapis laxuli, and red garnets. Talc also occurs on the banks of the Vitim, which supplies the place of window-glass all over Asiatic and part of European Russia. It is in many cases nearly as transparent as that article, without being liable to break. It is divided into thin lamine, which, like pieces of glass, are valuable in proportion to their size.

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The commerce of Siberia is confined mostly to two branches; one formed by the exportation of metals, minerals, and furs; and the other, a transit trade, consisting in an overland intercourse, carried on from Europe across Siberia with the Chinese Empire, and also with the regions on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. The trade between Russia and China is transacted at the frontier and adjoining parts of Kiachta, on the one side, and Maimatchin on the other. The value of articles exchanged on both sides, is supposed to amount annually to about \$2,000,000.

Tobolsk, the capital of all Siberia, stands at the confluence of the Tobol and the Irtysh: it consists of two towns, the upper and the lower, which are constructed wholly of wood, with the exception of a few public buildings. It is an agreeable place of residence, the society being formed on the European model. The inhabitants are social, and living is extremely cheap. The business transacted at this place is great, as all the trade of Siberia passes through it. Population about 15,000. Omsk on the Irtysh, Barnaule on the Obe, and Tomsk on the Tom, are all considerable towns, containing respectively 7500, 8000, and 10,000 inhabitants. Irkoutsk, on the Angara River, is the handsomest place in Siberia, and is the capital of the eastern division of that country. The houses are chiefly of wood, but the streets are broad and spacious. Some of the public buildings are very fine, and there are twelve handsome churches. The inhabitants are about 15,000 in number, and consist chiefly of merchants connected with houses in St. Petersburg, and of the civil and military officers of government. The shops of Irkoutsk are filled with nankeens, porcelain, lacquered ware, and other articles of Chinese dress and furniture; and it has almost the aspect of a Chinese city.

Upwards of 1000 miles to the north-east is Yakoutsk, on the Lena River, in a bleak and wintry region, where the ground is still frozen in June, and the river is passable on sleds in September: its importance is derived from its trade in furs with the surrounding district. Population, 4000. Ochotsk, the emporium of the north-eastern districts of Asia, on the shores of the sea of the same name, and more than 4000 miles east of St. Petersburg, is a neat and thriving town of 1500 inhabitants: nearly half of these are in the employ of government. Ochotsk

collects all the furs and skins of Kamtschatka and North-west America. Most

of the other places in Siberia are mere villages or trading posts.

Near the mouths of the Lena and Yana Rivers the Arctic Ocean presents a number of isles, of which some are large: the chief appear to be Kotelnoi, Fadefskoy, and New Siberia. They have been carefully examined by the hunter Liackof, and latterly by Lieut. Anjou, in 1821 and 1825. The aspect of these shores is, as might be expected, droary and desolate; but they present one indication that is truly extraordinary, and gives much room for thought to those who speculate on the changes and destiny of the earth. There are found numerous bones and other remains of the elephant, an animal now altogether foreign to this part of the globe, or to any which is not separated from it by nearly a fourth of its circuit. Remains of that huge animal, of an extract race, the mammoth, are also found at this extremity of Siberia.

A large and long peninsula, of peculiar character, called Kamtschatka, extends into the ocean which waters the eastern extremity of Asia. This territory is about 600 miles in length, by 300 in its greatest breadth. Its position on the globe ought to give to the greater part of it a climate like that of Britain; but the winds blowing from the plains of Siberis, and from the vast polar sees by which it is surrounded, induce an Arctic climate, and allow scarcely three months of summer. This cold is increased by the chain of mountains which traversed nearly its whole length, some of whose peaks rise to an extraordinary height.

The Kamtschatdales form a peculiar race, with flat features, small eyes, thin lips, and scarcely any beard. Their stature is diminutive, with large head and short legs. Since the Russian sway put an end to the wars which they were wont to wage with considerable fury, they have passed into a peaceable, honest, lazy, drunken, servile race, careless of the future, and addicted to coarse sensuality. They have houses both for winter and summer. In their domestic habits, the most remarkable peculiarity is the use of dogs harnessed to the sledges, and employed to draw them. At their high festivals, these people give themselves up to an almost frantic mirth, which astonishes those who have viewed the sluggishness of their ordinary deportment. Their favourite dance is one in which all the actions and motions of the bear are represented to the life; and the violent and uncount attitudes assumed for this purpose excite in the spectators rapturous admiration.

Although the Kamtschaidales, by connexion with Russia, have gained an exemption from war, they have suffered deeply from the introduction of ardent spirits, and of various contagious diseases. Their numbers have thus been diminished, and do not at present exceed 4600, of whom little more than half are natives; the rest, Russians and Koriaks. Bolcheretskoi and Kamtschatka are small villages, which pass for towns; but the only place of any real importance is Petropaulovskoi, or the harbour of St. Peter and St. Paul, a thriving little port, by which the merchants of Ochotsk carry on almost all the trade of Kamtschatka.

An Archipelago of small islands, called the Kurilee, stretch from the sour ern point of Kamtschatka to Jesso, a line of nearly 800 miles. Twenty-two are known, of which nineteen are subject to Russia. Some are uninhabited, from the want of water; others rival Kamtschatka in the abundance of game and fish. The inhabitants are peaceable and well-disposed; they live nearly as the Kamtschatdeles, but in a neater and more civilized manner; and some of the southern islands have imbibed a tincture of Japanese habits. Their subjection to Russia consists almost wholly in paying a tribute of furs and sea-calves.

ASTRACHAN, &c.

Having briefly described Siberia, it now remains, in order to complete the view of Asiatic Russia, to mention that part of it extending from the former region far to the south-west, and comprising the countries bordered on the east by the Ural River and the Caspian Sea; on the north and west by the Volga and Don Rivers and the Black Sea; and on the south by the monarchies of Persia and Turkey; the whole comprising an irregular territory of not less than 1400 miles in length, and varying in breadth from 300 to 750 miles. The southern part of this region, extending south of the Rivers Kuban and Terek, and traversed by the mountainous

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ridges of the great Caucasian chain, exhibits an entirely distinct character from the northern portion, and will in consequence be termed Caucasian Russia. The countries north of the Kuban and Terek Rivers, and extending to the south-west corner of Siberia, comprises the entire Asiatic governments of Oufa, Orenburg, Astrachan, and Caucasus; also, portions of Kasan, Simbirak, and Saratov, together with part of the country of the Don Cossacks.

In this territory the most prominent object is the Caspian. It is the largest inland sea in the world, reaching, in its greatest dimension from north to south, about 600 miles, and varying in breadth from 100 to 300. This mighty inland expense is supplied on the north by the Volga, which, after traversing, in a course of 2000 miles, the whole of European and part of Asiatic Russia, pours in the united waters of those vast regions. On the west it receives ample streams from the mighty peaks of Caucasus and Ararat; the Kooma, the Terek, the Araxes, the Kizil Ozen, and some others. On the east the Attruck enters the Caspian; but by far the greater portion of this border consists of arid and dreary deserts, from which the Caspian Sea does not derive any accession to its magnitude.

The waters of the Caspian, unless at the immediate influx of the great rivere, are as sait as those of the sea, with the admixture of a bitter taste, arising from a portion of Glauber sait, supposed to be produced by the decomposition of the naphtha which is found on its shores in considerable quantity. The navigation is dangerous, particularly in the northern part, on account of the heavy and sudden gales which descend from the high clims of the western shore, and of the rocks and shallows with which this quarter abounds. There are no good harbours from Astrachan to Derbent. Of the shores of this great sea, the southern belongs to Persia, the eastern to Independent Tartary and to the country of the Turcomans. The western and northern are subject to Russia, the region we are now to delineate. The immediate shores of the Caspian Sea, composed of the deltas of the rivers Volga and Ural, and forming the province of Astrachan, are flat and marshy. Far-

The immediate shores of the Caspian Sea, composed of the deltas of the rivers Volga and Ural, and forming the province of Astrachan, are flat and marshy. Farther north, the provinces of Oufa and Orenburg rise insensibly into a mountainous elevation, till they terminate in the declivity of that great chain which separates Europe from Asia. Here these regions participate in the rich metalliferous character which distinguishes the Siberian districts on the Asiatic side.

The country is capable of every kind of culture, but is chiefly covered with rich pastures. Its eastern frontier is formed by the Ural Mountains. From these flows to the Caspian a river called also the Ural, and which separates Russia from the Kirguis and Kalmucks: on this stream is situated Orenburg, a well-built town of 18,000 inhabitants; to its market the Tartars bring annually 10,000 horses, and from 40,000 to 60,000 sheep. Hence also numerous caravans depart for Khiva, Bokhara, Khokan, &c.

At the head of the Caspian Sea, Astrachan and its district constitutes a government of which the city forms the capital. The water communications of this place, by the Volga on one side and the Caspian on the other, are very extensive, and enable it to carry on a considerable commerce. Astrachan obtains raw silk from Persia; turquoises from Khorasan; rubies and other gems from the head of the Oxus. Its chief wealth, however, is derived from the vast fishery which it carries on. The quantity of fish obtained, is not only sufficient for domestic consumption, but is largely exported; and the roes of sturgeon, prepared in that peculiar form called caviare, form an article of trade for which it is famed. A good deal of salt is obtained from marshy lakes in the neighbourhood: and some fabrics of leather and silk are carried on. The city is surrounded by a wall, and is for the most part poorly built of wood. Some handsome edifices of stone, however, have lately been erected, particularly two commercial halls. The population, amounting to 31,000, forms a various mixture of the people of Europe and Asia: Russians, Greeks, English, French, Persians; even the Hindoos have a small quarter appropriated to them. Most of the Persian trade is carried on by the Armenium.

The government of Astrachan, together with that of Caucasus to the south-west, consists of a boundless extent of flat steppe, in many places almost desert, but in others capable of supporting a considerable pastoral population. The occupants

are decidedly Tartar. The eastern tribes are Kalmucks, and the western chiefly Nogais, mixed to some extent with the Cosacks of the Don. The Tartar habits and character universally prevail, though the people are reduced by subjection to a somewhat more orderly and industrious way of life than they would spontaneously adopt.

CAUCASIAN RUSSIA.

CAUCASIAN RUSSIA is that part of the continent situated between the Caspian and Black Seas, and extending from the Kuban and Terek Rivers southward to the Araxes, which forms most part of the boundary line between the empires of Russia and Persia. It forms an irregular territory, stretching from north-west to south-east about 750, and from north-east to south-west 280 miles, comprising the countries known by the names of Circassia, Daghestan, Georgia, Mingrelia and Imeritta, Abasia, &c. The distinguishing feature of this region is the great mountain chain of Caucasus, which, in height, in ruggedness, and in variety of aspect, though not unrivalled, is surpassed but by few in Asia, and even in the whole world. Its greatest elevation, Mount Elburz, attains the height of 16,600 feet, which is somewhat higher than Mount Blanc. The tribes inhabiting this tract have always been regarded as dwelling on the outer border of the civilized world. They attracted, indeed, the notice of nations with whom they were in somewhat close vicinity, but their annals have never assumed a regular or connected form.

In modern times, Georgia, the most powerful of the Caucasian kingdoms, has been distinguished by its contests for independence with the Persian empire, and subsequently as the main theatre of contest between that empire and the rising power of the czar. Russia, after a pretty long struggle, has secured the whole western above of the Caspian, and all the level tracts between it and the Black Sea. Even the rude mountain tribes are obliged to own a certain homage; but this, as well as the accompanying tribute, is scanty, and fully compensated by the frequent plundering excursions, against which the Russians with difficulty guard by cordons of troops drawn along their border. Georgia, and still more Circassia, has been distinguished for the athletic strength of its men, and the fine forms of its females; in consequence of which qualities, they have been in great request as domestic slaves over all the Turkish empire. In Egypt, particularly, the offspring of those slaves, kept up by continual accessions, long maintained, under the appellation of Mamelukes, a sway superior or paramount to that of its Turkish masters.

Turkey formerly possessed some ports and districts on the shores of the Black Sea, which enabled her to carry on a considerable traffic, especially in slaves, and also to foment insurrection among the rude mountain tribes. As, however, she has been obliged by treaty to cede to Russia the ports of Anapa and Poty, with the districts of Guriel and Akalzike, she may be considered as having entirely lost her hold of the Caucasian territory.

In general, all the Caucasian tribes profess the dogmas of the Mahometan faith, though in a somewhat loose manner, free from the tame and mechanical routine which that religion prescribes. Scarcely any of them possess among themselves, or have imbibed from the Russians, the smallest tincture of literature. They are almost universally addicted to habits of plunder,—that national plunder, on a great scale, which is considered rather a boast than a disgrace, and which is generally familiar to rude tribes who live in the vicinity of more opulent nations.

This region presents a varied and interesting vegetation, but only a scanty portion of those products which are subservient to the uses of life. Even the lower valleys of Georgia and Mingrelia, though extremely fertile, are little improved. The inhabitants, ill disposed to industrious culture, are moreover liable to the almost continual ravage of war and predatory incursion. Their supply of arms and of foreign luxuries is chiefly derived either from plunder, or from the sale of their people as slaves: the latter traffic is opposed by Russia, and is one of the chief causes of the hostility existing between the Caucasian tribes and that government. Wine of middling quality; a little silk; some skins and fure, and fine honey, nearly complete the list of their commodities which are fit for the purposes of trade.

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South of the Terek and Kuban rise up the mighty precipices of Caucasus. Its highest ranges are clad in perpetual snow; beneath is the black region of rocks and precipices; while the lower declivities contain a number of well-watered valleys, forming fine pastorad districts; and, though not capable of high culture, yielding plentifully the inferior products, maize and millet. In these mountain valleys dwell the Circassians. This race have been peculiarly celebrated for their physical qualities. The men, though spare, are tall, handsome, and athletic. But it is the fine form and delicate complexion of the female Circassians, which form so wide a theme of Eastern panegyric.

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The distinctions of rank and birth are observed in Circassia with all the strictness of Highland pride. Under the prince or sovereign, are the uzdens or nobles, who attend him in war or foray, but exercise a sway almost absolute over their own immediate vassals. They are of two kinds; bondsmen, who cultivate the glebe, and armed retainers, who attend him to the field; which last have often

been raised, on this condition, from the inferior rank.

The noble Circassians lead that sort of life which is usual with independent chiefs on their own estates, and surrounded by their vassals; a round of war and feasting, of hunting and jollity.

Kabardia, though sometimes described as a distinct territory, is, more properly speaking, a district of Circassia, of which the inhabitants form the principal tribe, and that which approaches nearest to civilization.

The Russian territories everywhere border upon, and inclose, Circassia; yet the valour of its inhabitants, and the rapid movements of the light cavalry of which its bands are composed, have set at defiance every effort to reduce it to a state of regular subjection. The Russians, on the contrary, are only able, and that somewhat imperfectly, to protect their own confines from inroad by a chain of strong fortresses. These are chiefly erected along the Terek and Kuban, two considerable streams, which, rising among the loftiest heights of Caucasus, flow for about 400 miles, first north, then the former east till it falls by numerous mouths into the Caspian, the latter west into the Black Sea. Mozdok, on the Terek, is the centre of this line of defence; a town of 3000 people, with a strong garrison. Georgievsk, on the Kooma, is a fortress of smaller magnitude. Near the sources of the Terek is Vladi-Kaukas, a fortress built for the purpose of keeping open the intercourse with Georgia, &c. In this vicinity is the Scots colony of Karass, which is in a flourishing state; though the missionary station established there has not answered expectation.

The lower course of the Terek, through a ferfile country, presents some interesting objects. Its commerce is chiefly carried on by Kislar, or Kisliar, a town described as containing 2000 houses, and about 10,000 inhabitants, of whom 8000 are Armenians. This race, sober and industrious, founded the city in 1736, and carry on all its trade, by which they place themselves in easy and even opulent circumstances.

On the extreme heights of Caucasus, amidst a region of barren rocks and eternal snows, are found the Ossetes and Lesghis, formidable and determined robbers, who are the scourge and terror of all the surrounding countries. Their habitations, perched on the summits of the loftiest cliffs, and on the edge of the steepest precipices, have a most fearful appearance. There are various little tribes, and septs of greater ones, scattered through all the corners of this mountainous region. Some of these are the Kistes, Jugouches, the Tusches, Karabulaks, &c.

To the south, stretching along the western coast of the Caspian, lies the mountainous province of Daghestan. Its fertile soil is but imperfectly cultivated, and its long coast presents but few harbours. Tarki is favourably situated on the sea, but the principal place is Derbent, an old town, long the bulwark of the Persian empire, and still exhibiting imposing military works. It is now much sunk, having only a population of about 4000 families.

On the opposite, or southern declivity of the Caucasus, extends the famous and once powerful kingdom of Georgia. The world, perhaps, does not contain a region more profusely gifted both with richness and beauty. On its successive mountain stages are raised all the varieties of fruit and grain, both of the tempe-

rate and tropical climates. The woods abound with game; and the mountains contain in their bosom mines of considerable value.

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The human race flourishes in an equal degree: the men are distinguished for vigour; and the females, with the single exception of a darker complexion, are as famed for beauty as those of Circassia. All these bounties of nature, however, have been rendered unavailing by the oppressions of a feudal government, and by the continual wars between the Russians and Persians which have desolated Georgia for more than a century. Through the pressure of these evils, the population of this fine region is supposed to be reduced to a number not exceeding 320,000 souls. The greater number are not Mahometans, but Greek Christians, with a large proportion of Armenians, who have in their hands all the traffic of the country. The Russians draw from it a revenue of 800,000 rubles, not nearly sufficient to defray its expenses. The waters of Georgia are chiefly collected by the Kur or Cyrus, which flows first northward, along the foot of a chain of lofty mountains; but afterwards turns to the east and south, passes by Teflis, and falls into the Caspian on the borders of Ghilan. It has previously received the Arages, from Arage.

The only city of Georgia, of any importance, or worthy of the name, is Teflis, the capital. It is boldly situated on the precipitous banks of the Kur, which flows here through a deep and gloomy defile covered with immense foresta. The Russians make Teflis their head-quarters, and keep there a large military force, which is quartered upon the inhabitants. This is considered a serious grievance, being wholly inconsistent with the habits of oriental seclusion, particularly in regard to the female sex, whose virtue, made hitherto to depend chiefly on the jealous guard kept over it, is said to have suffered materially from this intrusion. The population of Teflis, in consequence of the svils under which it has suffered, has declined, in the course of the last twenty years, from 22,000 to 15,000.

Shirvan, Nakshivan, and Erivan, are districts now merged in Georgia, which formerly belonged to Persia, from whom the two last were wrested during the late contest. They are, however, much dilapidated by the offects of almost constant warfare. Erivan is a strong fortress, not far from the lake of that name, now greatly impaired. Nakshivan was an ancient and magnificent city, but is at present in ruins. Shirvan has a fertile soil, which produces rice, wheat, and barley. At the eastern extremity of this district, on the Caspian Sea, is the town of Bakau, or Baku. Near this place is the fire worshipped by the Guebres, or fire-worshippers, who affirm that it has been burning ever since the flood, and will continue to the end of the world. It is said to proceed from the inflammable nature of the soil in certain spots, which, if dug into for a few inches, and a live coal applied, will take fire and continue to burn.

Proceeding westward from Georgia to the shores of the Black Sea, we find Mingrelia and Imiretta. The interior tracts are mountainous and rugged; but Caucasus here slopes downward, and allows to intervene between it and the sea a large plain, moist, fertile, but unwholesome. Rivers descending from the heights inundate this watery region. Communicating by the Black Sea with Asia Minor and Constantinople, it furnishes them with silk and honey; and formerly supplied them with slaves; the obtaining of which, by purchase, seizure, and every sort of nefarious process, formed the principal occupation of the chiefs of Mingrelia. It is calculated that Turkey received annually from thence about 12,000 of these unfortunate beings; but their barbarous traffic is now interdicted by Russia. Poty, at the mouth of the Rione, or Phasis, is the chief port of this region. It contains about 1000 inhabitants.

Redoutkale, Kopi, and Anaklia, partake also of the trade of the country. Proceeding northward along the Black Sea, after an almost in passable range inhabited by a wild race called the Suanes, appears an extended and wooded region, the country of Abasia. The people are a rough variety of the Circassians. They resemble, without equalling, that race in their handsome persons and dignified manners. Secured from foreign invasion by the poverty of their country, and by its immense and entangled forests, they are wasted by intestine contests; and to the various forms of plunder, their situation has tempted them to annex that of

pisacy. It has also, however, enabled their country to become the theatre of some commerce in the usual Caucasian commodities, that of slaves not excepted. Of this trade, Phanagoria, or Taman, at the mouth of the Kuban, forms a sort of entrepôt. Anapa, farther to the south, a considerable port, with a good harbour, was in possession of the Turks till the last treaty, when it was transferred to Russia. The other ports along the coast are Southukale, Gholintchik, Mamach, Southoun-kale, and Isgaour.

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TURKEY.

Asiatro Turkey extends over some of the fairest and finest regions of Asia: no countries in the world are more favoured by nature, or more marked by grand historical features; and it consists not so much of any one single country, as of several detached and dissimilar states, which the sword, wielded by fanaticism, has combined into one vast heterogeneous mass. This extensive region is bounded on the west by the Archipelago and the Straits of the Dardanellee north of the Black Sea; east, by Asiatic Russia and Persia; and south, by Arabia, Syria, and the Mediterranean Sea. This region extends from east to west about 1200, and from north to south from 400 to 800 miles, forming an area of about 430,000 mourar miles.

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This wide extent of country presents a peculiar variety of culture and aspect. Its ranges of mountains are of great celebrity and of considerable magnitude; the principal is the extensive chain of Mount Taurus, ranging from the Mediterranean coasts to those of the Caspian Sea, which, with its numerous branches, extends through all the northern portions of this region. Near the north-eastern frontier, the primeval Ararat rears its snowy peaks, reminding mankind of the most memorable event in the physical history of the globe.

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The chief rivers are the celebrated Euphrates and Tigris, which, commencing in the same region, unite their streams a short distance above their common estuary, and forming the Shat ul Arab, enter the Persian Gulf about 75 miles below Bussorah. The other streams are of smaller magnitude: they are the Sakharia and Kizzii Irmak, flowing into the Black Sea; and the Meinder, Koduschay and others, running into the Mediterranean.

Turkey in Asia has but few lakes, and those are nearly all saline. Lake Van, near the eastern frontier, is the most extensive: its waters are so brackish, as to be unfit for use. Lake Nasook, to the north of it, is much smallef. Chains of salt lakes extend through some of the interior parts of Asia Minor, though none of them are of much magnitude. The sea-coasts of this region from the Black Sea, including Syria and Egypt, to Alexandria, are often denominated the Levant,—a term which signifies the quarter where the sun rises: in a more extended sense, it includes also the islands of Cyprus, Rhodes, and the Archipelago.

The principles and mode of government are exactly the same in Asiatic as in European Turkey. The pachas, invested with the command of extensive territories, receive entire the power of the original despot from whom they derive their appointment. Their distance, indeed, affords them much more ample opportunities of acting independently, and of merely transmitting to the Porte such an

amount of tribute and military aid as they can conveniently spare.

This imperfect and precarious independence is, generally speaking, the reverse of an improvement in the condition of the unfortunate people. The pacha rules with as complete and tyrannical a sway as the sultan: he is rendered cruel by the dangers by which he is surrounded; and careless of the welfare of his district by the precarious tenure on which his place is held. In order to maintain his power, he takes into pay the brave but fierce and predatory inhabitants of the mountains, and must secure their attachment by allowing them liberty to commit plunder and outrage.

These countries have, from the earliest ages, been distinguished rather by agricultural industry, and the rearing of cattle, than by the finer manufactures,

which they have been accustomed to receive by caravans from the great empires of the east. In most of its districts, however, culture is rendered imsecure by the oppression of the pachas, and the ravages of the Arabs, against which the government cannot, or at least does not, afford protection. Hence, in many parts, which were formerly covered with the richest harvests, no trace of fertility remains, except only in their overgrown and deserted pastures. The upper tracts of Asia Minor and Armenia, where horses and cattle are reare?, are both less exposed to inroad, and better able to defend themselves, though they too often abuse their strength to plunder the inhabitants of the neighbouring plains. Here, however, is produced the fine goat's hair or Mohair of Angora, which is sought in Europe as a material of some valuable manufactures.

The manufactures of Asiatic Turkey are chiefly of an ordinary kind, coarse, and for internal consumption only. Yet silk, cotton, leather, and soap are staples of the Levant; and the two latter find a place in the markets of Europe. At Tokat there is a great fabric of copper vessels. The women among the wandering tribes in the upper districts weave the admired Turkey carpets; but the

finest are made in the mountain districts of Persia.

No part of the world appears more expressly destined to be the east of an extensive commerce. The command of the Mediterranean, the numerous coasts and islands by which it is surrounded, its position at the connecting point of the three continents, and its contiguity to countries whose dissimilar tastes and productions peculiarly fit them to supply each other's deficiencies, are advantages which naturally rendered it the earliest and most favoured seat of commerce. The splendour of its ancient emporia excited the astonishment of the aworld; and they continued for a lengthened period, activithstanding the hostile influence of revolution and oppression, to preserve a considerable portion of their early commerce and magnificence. These, however, have at length almost totally disappeared. Since the discovery, of the passage by the Cape of Good Hope, the Indian trade has taken almost wholly a different route. The internal distractions which agitated Persia for half a century rendered the intercourse with that empire both dangerous and unprofitable.

The state of social existence, religion, learning, and manners, so far as respects the ruling people, is precisely the same in Asiatic as in European Turkey. They present that austere, uniform, and gloomy character, which the precepts of Mahomet tend to form, and which is produced in its utmost purity in the cities of Turkey. The native and subject races, however, exhibit marked distinctions. The Greek population, which in Europe makes the prominent feature among the conquered people, exists only to a limited extent on the coasts and islands of Asia Minor. In its room all the mountainous Asiatic tracts contain bold and hardy tribes, who, availing themsolves of their distance and the declining power of the pachas, admit little control over their internal proceedings, and establish independent and sometimes almost republican governments.

The high and uncultivated table-lands in the interior of Asia Minor are occupied by a wandering and pastoral race called Turcomans. All their habits are decidedly Tartar; and with the domestic simplicity of this race they combine its love of war and booty, with no nice consideration how this latter may be obtained. When summoned, however, to fight under the banner of the empire, and to unsheath the sword against the infidels, they are prompt in obeying the call, and form the main military strength of Turkey. They serve a short campaign without pay, but with little ardour, and with full license of plunder. Though they cannot meet disciplined troops in the shock of battle, they make excellent irregular cavalry.

The mountains of the eastern frontier of Turkey produce races exhibiting decided peculiarities. The ancient kingdom of Armenia, situated in a mountainous corner of Western Asia, has remained comparatively little affected by that mighty train of revolution which has swept over that region. Their course of life much resembles that of the Jews, with whom they are often found in conjunction. But what in the latter is sordid and grasping parsimony, appears scarcely in the Armenian to exceed the limits of steady and meritorious industry. This people, in

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r by ures, thet, carry on all the trade, and many of the manufactures, of Persia and Turkey. They have penetrated into India, contral Asia, Africa, and the east of Europe; and have been sometimes, though not often, seen in France and England. In general they lead a peaceable and orderly life, under the government of heads of families. The court of Rome, by indefitigable efforts at conversion, has succeeded in effecting a species of schism, by drawing over to her communion 20,000 out of the 170,000 families of whom the nation consists. The great remaining majority adhere to the Entychean creed, and revere, as their head, the patriarch of Erzerum. They admit the marriage of priests, and are free from other Catholic regulations; but in return they carry fasting and ablution to a pitch unknown to any other Christian sect.

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The Kurds inhabit a long and rugged chain, stretching south-east from the mountains of Armenia, parallel to the Tigris, along the frontier of the Turkish and Persian empires. Those pastoral pursuits which, on the high table plains of Tartary and Persia, vary and soften the habits of war and plunder, are impracticable in a region which presents nothing but rugged steeps, frightful ravines, and marrow valleys. Here every chief is scated in his castle, where he meditates, and whence he attempts, the plunder of the rich plains which lie beneath him. The Kurds have, however, the characteristic virtue of barbarians, a frank hospitality, and also a pride of pedigree, founded on a national existence which may be

traced to a high antiquity.

These regions contained in ancient times some of the most fertile, populous, and powerful states in the world; here flourished the mighty empire of Assyria, and the cities of Babylon and Nineveh, the kingdoms of Pontus, Lydia, Ionia, Pergamus, &c., and in later times those countries constituted one of the fairest portions of the Roman empire. The ancient division was Assyria, which included the countries through which the Euphrates and Tigris ran, and of which Nineveh was the chief city; Chaldea, containing the splendid city of Babylon; Mesopotamia, whose chief city was Edessa. Armenia had the city of Arsa, and Asia Minor contained Smyrna and many other beautiful and populous cities, nearly all of which exhibit nothing at the present day but ruined temples, churches, and amphitheatres, and some are so decayed that even the places which they occupied cannot be recognised. The chief Turkish divisions are Austolia, Garamania, Roum, Armenia, Kurdistan, Al Jesira, and Irak Arabi; these are divided into twelve Pashalics, which are subdivided into smaller parts, called Sangiacats. The population of Asiatic Turkey has been variously estimated by different writers, and probably does not exceed 8,000,000, composed of Turks and Turcomans, Greeks, Jews, Armenians, Kurds, and Arabs.

Though many of the islands of the Archipelago have been wrested from the grasp of the Turkish monarch, still a number of them remain under the control of that severeign. These isles, once celebrated for wealth, beauty and power, are now reduced to a more complete state of barbarism than even the continent.

Rhodes was renowned at an early period as a great commorcial state; it extended its trade to the most distant regions, and rivalled the splendour and power of the greatest kings, when after several vicissitudes it was merged in the Roman empire; her commercial code was adopted by that wise people; in after times it acquired a high military renown, when the knights of St. John, expelled from the Holy Land, made Rhodes one of their last retreats, where they long baffled the arms of Mahomet and Solyman. The city of Rhodes presents no longer a fragment of its colossus, one of the wonders of the world, or any trace of the numerous fine edifices with which it had been adorned by the taste and wealth of its inhabitants. It is now a meen town, with a population of 6000; that of the whole island is about 25,000. North of Rhodes is Stance, the ancient Cos, the birth-place of Hippocrates and Apelles; Stampalia, Amorgo, and Patmos, where St. John wrote the Apocalypse. Samos, a larger and more important island, which gave birth to Pythagoras. Scio, which has acquired a melancholy celebrity from the barbarous massacre of its inhabitants by the Turks in the late war, 25,000 of whom perished by the sword; the rest, including opulent citizens and ladies of high rank, were sold as slaves, and the island reduced to a desert. Metelin, the

ancient Lesbos, though greatly decayed, has still a population of 40,000, one-half of whom are Greeks. Its trade in oil is considerable. Tenedos, a small rocky

of whom are deserted wine.

Shayran, the emporium of the Levant, situated on a fine bay on the west coast of Asia Minor, is a city of great antiquity, and claims to be the birth-place of Homer. It is about four miles in length and one in breadth. Its groves and minarets make a handsome appearance at a distance; within, however, are gloomy walls and ill-paved streets. The city is liable to arthquakes, which, except in 1739, have caused mora fear than injury. The plague, however, seldom allows a year to pass, without committing serious ravages. The population has been estimated at from 100,000 to 150,000, of whom 30,000 are supposed to be Greeks, and 8000 Armenians. Upwards of 1000 Europeans, chiefly French, are settled here for the Levant trade, and form a numerous society among themselves, which salivens the gloom peculiar to a Turkish city. The exports of Smyrna are those of Asia Minor, raw silk, cotton, carpets, mohair, raisins, drugs, and a few precious stones. The returns are chiefly in wrought silk, woollens, tin, lead, and glass. North of Smyrna is Borgamos or Pergamos, once the capital of a powerful line of kings. Population, to or 19,000. Bruss or Burss, about 60 or 70 miles south-west from Constantinople, was once for a short time the capital of Turkey; it is a fine city, containing about 60,000 inhabitants. Its mosques are said to amount to 365, some of

which are very large and splendid.

Eastward from Brusa are the cities of Angora and Tokat; the former is noted for a peculiar breed of goats which thrive only in a limited space around the city. The hair of this animal rivals silk in finences, and is made into a species of camlet by the inhabitants of Angora, who are chiefly employed in the manufacture of that fabric. The population of the city, which less than a century ago was reckoned at 100,000, now numbers only 35,000. Tokat, lying due-east from Angora, has an extensive manufacture of copper vessels, made of the metal produced from the adjacent mines; also of blue moreceo and silk. It carries on a considerable inland

commerce, by caravana, with Diarbekir, Smyrna, Brusa, &c.

Trebisonds is a sesport 500 miles east of Constantinople, and is the chief emporium of that part of the empire. Since the treaty of Adrianople (1899), opened the commerce of the Black Sea to European enterprise, its trade has become very extensive, especially in British and French manufactures; 30,000 bales of goods a year are transmitted hence to Persia. The Inhabitants, 30,000 in number, consists of all the different races found in Turkey.

Erserum, on the head waters of the Euphrates, south-east from Trebisonde, is an ancient city: the inhabitants date its foundation from the time of Noah. The climate is healthful, but the cold in winter is intense, Population, 15,000. Diarbekir, on the Tigris, contains 40,000 inhabitants, and from its situation on the high road between Persia and Turkey, as well as on the communications down the rivers, forms a sort of key to the commerce of Western Asia. Orfa, situated between the Euphrates and Tigris, is a well-built town, with a handsome mosque consecrated to Abraham, and a population of 90,000 souls. A village south of this place, inhabited by Arabs, still bears the name and site of Haran, the original abode of the patriarch. Mosul, with 35,000 inhabitants, is on the west bank of the Tigrie, and opposite to what is supposed to be the ruins of Nineven; the only monuments are mounds of earth nearly a mile in circumference, similar to those of Babylon, though not nearly so lofty or so perfect,

Bagdad, on the Tigris, exhibits scarcely any remnant of the gay and romantic aplendour of the court of the Calipha, not even a vestige of their palace, and but few of the coatly edifices with which they enriched this city, when it was the capital of the Mahometan world. Almost all of modern Bagdad is mean and foreign to the ideas which the name excites. The trade in Indian goods is considerable, which are brought up the Tigris from Bussorah, and distributed by means of caravans through Syria, Asia Minor, &c. The inhabitants are reckoned at about

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Directly south of Hagdad, and on the west bank of the Euphrates, opposite Hillah, are the ruins of Babylon, a spot to which recollection gives an almost un-

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rivalled interest. Here, over a space extending five or six miles in every direction, are spread the undoubted remains of the ancient glory of nations, which mone of the proud capitals of the old world ever rivalled in magnitude and the grandeur of its structures, and which is rendered still more imposing by the awful antiquity to which its origin extends. The ruins consist of vast mounds of earth, formed by the decomposition of the materials of buildings. The principal of these are three great masses, of which the first is 1100 yards long and 800 broad, the second is 700 yards square, and the third 762 yards in circuit, and 196 feet in height. There are, besides, smaller mounds scattered about: these all contain vast quantities of excellent bricks; many have inscriptions on them, and are generally so well comented together, that it is difficult to separate a brick from the others entire. Several extensive cities have been built at different times out of these remains. The interior of some of the mounds contain many cavities tenanted by wild beasts, bats, and owls.

South-west from Hillsh is the town of Mesjid Ali, which contains the tomb of Ali, the son-in-law and one of the successors of Mahomet. It is visited annually by great numbers of Persian travellers, who esteem this point of devotion equal to a pilgrimage to Mecca. On the Shatul Arab, or united stream of the Euphrates and Tigris, is situated Bussorah, a city containing 60,000 inhabitants. Its most important trade being that with India, is carried on partly by British, but chiefly by Arabian vessels, of which those of 500 tons burthen can ascend the river to this point. Merchants of various nations reside here, also English and Dutch consuls. It is a dirty and meanly built place; the basaars are wholly unsuitable to the valuable merchandise deposited in them, and there is only one mosque which has a decent appearance.

SYRIA.

SYMIA is one of the most celebrated countries in the world; it has long formed one of the chief divisions of the Turkish empire. In the year 1832 it was conquered by Mahomet Ali, pacha of Egypt, and remained in his possession until 1840, when it was wrested from his grasp by the allied arms of Great Britain, Russia, Austria, and Prussia, and restored to the authority of the Sultan.

No country was more celebrated in antiquity than Syria. In the south-west was the Land of Promise, the country of the Israelites, and the cradle of Christianity. Phomicia, particularly its cities of Tyre and Sidon, were famous for commerce. Damescus was long the capital of a powerful kingdom, and Antioch was once accounted the third city in the world for wealth and population.

Baalbec and Palmyra still exhibit splendid ruins of their ancient greatness. Here have the Assyrians, Jews, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, the Crusaders, and the Turks, struggled at different periods for mastery. Ignorance, superstition, and barbarism, now cover the land, and no traces of its civilization remain but ruins. The leading feature in the physical aspect of Syria consists in the great mountain chains of Lebanon or Libanus, and Anti-Libanus, extending from north to south, dividing the country into two distinct portions, one bounded by the coast, and the other by the desert.

The principal rivers are the Orontes, flowing north into the Mediterranean, a short distance south-west from Antioch, and the Jordan, running south into the Dead Sea, besides many small streams from the heights of Lebanon, &c., which water and fertilize the country. Of the lakes of Syria the chief is the well-known Asphaltites, or Dead Sea; its waters are salter than those of the ocean, and very clear and limpid. Many absurd stories respecting this lake are now refuted by the concurrent testimony of modern travellers. Tiberias, or the lake of Galilec, enclosed by cultivated lands and wooded meuntains, forms a rich and pictureque object. The others are the lakes of Damascus, Hems, and Antioch.

The soil of Syria in favourable situations, and when well watered, is of great fertility, and produces abundantly wheat, rye, maize, dhourra, and rice, cotton, tobacco, sugar, indigo; also grapes of excellent quality, which furnish red and

white wines equal to those of Bordeaux. The fruits are various, and comprise, according to the soil and situation in which they are raised, nearly all those of tropical and temperate climates. The commerce of Syria has never been so great in modern as in ancient times, and has of late much diminished. A very extensive land communication has generally been carried on from Syria with Arabia, Peraja, and the interior of Asia, but the long-continued wars and disturbed condition of the neighbouring states has greatly interfered in latter times with the passage of the caravans and pilgrims by whom it was carried on.

Syria is inhabited by various descriptions of people; of these the Arabs from the desert who drive their flocks into the fertile and neglected pastures which more or less abound in all parts of this region, form a numerous class, of which many obtain a fixed settlement in the towns and cities; and, conforming to estab lished customs, frequently become thriving traders and merchants; the basis, however, of the population of the towns, is principally Turks and Greeks; the former speak their own language, although that in most general use is the Arabic. The steep and rugged heights of Lebanon have given shelter to races of quite a different character from the wandering or the settled Arabs. Those slopes unfit for pasturage are made by the laborious culture of the people to yield them subsistence. They are a martial race, fight on foot with the musket, and have what is most rare in Asia, national assemblies, with some form of republican government.

Among these mountain tribes the chief are the Maronites and Druses; the former were originally the proselytes of Maron, a saint of the fifth century; they are Catholics, and notwithstanding some deviations from what is considered strict orthodoxy, have been received into communion with the church of Rome: of the numerous villages built on the sides of the hills, each has its priest, its chapel, and its bell. The Maronites in general live in a happy simplicity in rude hamlets or solitary huts; they recognize no distinctions of rank, and there are few among them who do not labour for their own support: even the monks and priests till the ground, raise flocks, and pursue mechanical occupations. The Maronites are well armed, and can muster from 30,000 to 35,000 men. The entire population is es-

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The Druses inhabit the more northern regions of Lebanon, and are a ruder people than the Maronites. Their origin is traced to a persecution and dispersion that took place about the beginning of the 11th century among the followers of Mahomet. These people derive from their independence an energy and a vigour of character unknown to the other nations of Syria. A considerable part of the land is in the possession of a few great sheiks, whose factions often embroil the natives, but at the same time maintain a spirit of liberty and activity. All the great affairs of the nation must be decided in an assembly of their sheiks, at which even peasants

are allowed to be present, and to give their voice.

The Druses are divided into several sects, although generally they appear rather indifferent to religion, following the Mahometans or Maronites in their devotions, as caprice or convenience dictates. They are a hardy, robust, and warlike people, brave almost to excess, and entertain a proverbial contempt for death. A general levy of the nation produces about 40,000 men, hence the entire population is estimated at about 100,000. The Motoualis, who live to the south of the Maronites, are bigoted Mahometans of the sects of Ali, and are hence called shiites or heretics by the Turks: they are an intrepid and brave people, and though not mustering more than 7000 fighting men, have always preserved their independence. The Ansarians reside north of the Druses: they live in a sort of anarchy both as to religion and government, believing in transmigration of souls,

several incarnations of the Deity, &c. Their numbers are inconsiderable.

Damascus, the capital of Syria, is one of the most venerable cities in the world for its antiquity, and is known to have existed in the time of Abraham, and to have been ever since a great capital; it is at present the most flourishing city in Syria, and is built of brick; its streets, like those of all Turkish towns, are narrow and gloomy, the inhabitants reserving their magnificence for the interior courts and palaces, under the Turkish empire. It has maintained a high importance, being on the route of the great caravans to Mecca, whence even the Turks esteem it holy, and call it the gate of the Caaba. This causes not only an immense resort, but a great trade, which the pilgrims are careful to combine with the pious objects of their journey. The environs of Damascus are very fertile, and tolerably cultivated, and rank as the paradise of the east. The inhabitants are from 120,000 to 150,000.

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Aleppo, until within the last fifteen years, was accounted the first city in Syria, and the third in the Turkish empire: it was estimated to contain from 150,000 to 230,000 inhabitants, of whom 30,000 were Christians. On the night of the 13th of August, 1822, Aleppo was visited by a calamity of the most dreadful nature, being shaken almost to pieces by an earthquake, which was felt from Diarbekir to Cyprus. The most appalling picture is drawn of the horrors of that night: 20,000 parsons are supposed to have been killed, and nearly the whole of the remainder perished for want of shelter and food. Aleppo is slowly reviving. Population, 75,000.

Scanderoon, the port of Aleppo, about 70 miles to the north-west, possesses a fine roadstead, and the only good anchorage in Syria: its trade was once important, but has now been mostly transferred to Ladikieh. Antioch, the ancient queen of the East, is now a poor ill-built town of 11,000 inhabitants. Ladikieh, or Latakia, 70 miles south-west of Antioch, is a place of some trade, mostly in tobacco. Population, 10,000. To the southward is Tripoli, a nent town, with some trade, and a population of 16,000, of whom about one-third are Christians. The next port, proceeding to the south, is Beyrout, inhabited mostly by Druses; in its neighbourhood is raised the finest silk in Syria. Its exports and that of cotton cause some trade. Population, 13,000. Said, or Sidon, famous in ancient times for its commerce, being second only to Tyre, is now a small place with 5000 inhabitants: is the principal port by which is carried on the maritime trade of Damascus across the mountains. Sour, a small fishing village of 300 or 400 houses, is all that remains of the once celebrated Tyre. Modern times have seen the dread sentence fulfilled, that the queen of nations should become a rock, on which fishermen were to dry their nets. The harbour now only admits of boats.

Adana, a district and pachalic of Caramania, extends westward from the northern part of Syria 150 miles along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, and is a portion of the ancient Cilicia. It was conquered in 1839 by Mahomed Ali at the same time that he overran Syria; but, in 1340, he was obliged to relinquish it to its former masters. It is a fertile and tolerably well-oultivated region, yielding wheat, barley, cotton, &c. The chief towns are Adana, the capital, with 10,000 inhabitants, and Tarsus, the birth-place of St. Paul. The latter was once a renowned oity. Its schools of philosophy vied with those of Athens and Alexandria; and in the time of the Romans it was a populous and powerful emporium. The modern town does not cover a fourth part of the area of the ancient city, and but few vestiges remain of its former magnificence. The permanent population is about 7000; but during winter a great many Turkish, Greek, and Armenian families flock into the town.

Cyprus, lying west of Syria, has along with that country become tributary to the Pacha of Egypt; it was, in ancient times, the most beautiful, as well as the most voluptuous island in the Mediterranean Sea: it is 140 miles in length, by 63 in breadth. The natives boast that the produce of every land and climate will flourish on their soil in the highest perfection: its wheat is of superior quality; but wine may be considered as the staple product. Its fruits are also delicious, and game abundant: the inhabitants, formerly estimated at 1,000,000, are now reduced to 60,000 or 70,000; two-thirds of whom are Greeks. Its females still display that finest model of the Grecian form and features, for which they were anciently celebrated. The inhabitants carry on some manufactures of leather, carpets, and cotton, all of great excellence; the colours being particularly fine and durable. The principal places are Nicosia the capital, Larnica, Famagusta, and Buffa, originally Paphos, distinguished by ancient fable as the birth-place and recidence of the "goddess of love."

PALESTINE.

PALESTINE, first called the Land of Canaan, afterwards the Land of Promise, or the Promised Land, the Land of Israel, the Holy Land, and by way of pre-em-

inence, the Land, is a country included in Syria; the part west of the Jordan is bounded north by the mountain of Anti-Libanus, east by the river Jordan and the Dead Sea, south by Arabia Petresa, and west by the Mediterranean sea. In length it is about 170 miles; but its breadth greatly varies, being in some places 58 miles,

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This country was divided by Joshua among the twelve tribes of the Israelites; Judah, Benjamin, Simeon, Dan, Ephraim, Zebulon, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and part of Manasseh, had their portion allotted on the western, commonly called this side of Jordan; while Reuben, Gad, and the remaining part of Manasseh were placed on the eastern side, commonly called, beyond Jordan. The Romans, on obtaining full possession of this country, divided the part west of the Jordan into three tetrarchies, viz., Judea proper, Samaria, and Galilee. The part east of the Jordan was divided into the smaller districts of Peres, Decapolis, Gaulonitis, Galaditis, Batansea, and Auranitis. Neither the name nor the division of Palestine,

nor any of the above subdivisions, are now recognized by the natives or the Turk-

ish government; but as to administration, the country is included partly in the

pachalic of Acre, and partly in that of Damascus.

The land of Canaan contained a great number of towns and villages at the time when it was invaded by the Israelites, and in after ages it was very populous. In the time of David, the number of combatants in the kingdom of Israel was stated at 1,100,000; and from this the total population has been computed at 8,000,000. The population is now comparatively small, but composed of various descriptions; viz. Turks, who occupy all the civil and military posts; Arabs, numerous in the country districts; Greeks, Christians, and Jews. There is a con-

siderable number of monks, and in every considerable town, there is at least one convent; but the monks are described as extremely ignorant and vicious.

The face of the country is beautifully variegated by mountains, hills, valleys, and plains. The most remarkable mountains are Lebanon, Hermon, Carmel, Tabor, Ephraim, and Ebal.

The climate is exceedingly good. It seldom rains, but the deficiency is supplied by the most abundant dews. The cold is never excessive; and although the summer heats are great, yet they are mitigated by a periodical breeze, which renders them supportable.

The Scriptures, in describing the great fruitfulness of this country, characterize it as "a land flowing with milk and honey." Although some have represented it as barren, yet according to the best informed travellers, the greater part displays a truly luxuriant fertility, corresponding entirely to the description of the promised land; and where well cultivated, it is exceedingly productive.

Jerusalem, the capital of Palestine, is situated in a mountainous region, about 35 miles from Jaffa, its sea-port, and 120 miles from Damascus. The name of this city is associated with every thing that is venerable and hely in the mind of Christians and Jews, as well as Mahometans; whose general name for it is El Kods, or the Holy, adding occasionally El Sheriff, the Noble: it is greatly reduced from its former size and magnificence; all that remains of this once splendid city, is a Turkish walled town, enclosing a number of heavy unornamented atone houses, with here and there a minaret or a dome, to break the duil uniformity. Two splendid objects, however, somewhat enliven the gloom of Jerusalem; these are the church of the Holy Sepuichre, and the Mosque of Omar, the former has long been the grand object of pilgrimage and visitation to the Christian world. It was erected by the Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine, upon a site which was supposed to include the crucifixion, the entombment, and the resurrection. The Mosque of Omar, erected on the site of Solomon's temple, is one of the most splendid buildings in the East. Its numerous arcades, its capacious dome, with the rich costume of Eastern devotees, passing and repassing, renders it one of the grandest sights which the Mahometan world has to boast of. Jerusalem contains about 25,000 inhabitants, of whom 13,000 are Mahometans, and 4000 Jews; at Easter, the pilgrims often amount to 5000; there are 61 Christian convents, of which the Armenian is the largest.

Bethlehem, six miles south of Jerusalem, is a village of 2500 inhabitants, memo-

rable for the birth of David, the royal Psalmist, and of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: it is visited chiefly for the sake of the convent, built by the empress Helena over the manger of the nativity. Naplous, 24 miles north of Jerusalem, is near the site of the ancient Samaria: this is one of the most flourishing places in the Holy Land; it stands in a fertile valley surrounded by hills, and embosomed in stately groves and rich gardens; inhabitants 10,000. Nazareth, 50 miles north of Jerusalem, is a small town of two or three thousand inhabitants: it ranks next to the latter among the holy places of Palestine; the scenes of all the events in the life of Joseph and the Virgin Mary are here carefully pointed out: the most venerable spot is the Grotto of the Annunciation, the descent to which is by a flight of marble steps. The natives believe that when sick of the plague, they may, by rubbing themselves against the columns, assuredly obtain restoration of health. Hence its approaches are continually crowded by the sufferers under this distemper; circumstances which render it very unsafe for other visitants. East from Nazareth, is Mount Tabor, celebrated by the transfiguration of which it is supposed to have been the theatre. North from Nazareth is the small village of Cana, famed for the mirroulous conversion of water into wise.

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Gaza, Jaffa, and Acre, are the principal places on the coast. Gaza, noted from the earliest antiquity, is a decayed town, of about 5000 inhabitants, who carry on some trade in cotton goods, &c. Jaffa, anciently Joppa, was conspicuous as the port of Judea, and the only point by which David and Solemon communicated with the Mediterranean Sea: it became famous during the Crusades, and has, in the present day, acquired a melancholy celebrity from its capture by Bonaparte, and the subsequent massacre of the prisoners made there. The town is surrounded by a wall, which is environed with gardens; where lemons, oranges, citrons, water-melons, &c., grow in great perfection.

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About 65 miles north of Jaffa is Acre, or St. John de Acre: celebrated as a scene of siege and contest, and for the repeated change of masters it had to endure. During the Crusades it changed its ancient name of Accho, to Ptolemais. In 1799 Bonaparte laid siege to this place, but was repulsed with loss, and compelled to retreat. In the year 1832 it was taken by the Egyptians, after a six months' siege, during which time 25,000 of the inhabitants and the besiegers died by the ravages of disease and by the sword: subsequently it was rebuilt and more strongly fortified. The population was lately reckoned at from twelve to fifteen thousand; In 1840 Acre, Sidon, and Beyroot were captured by the British and allied fleets under admirals Napier and Stopford. At that time Acre suffered great damage from the bombardment.

ARABIA.

Assers is an extensive country in the south-eastern part of Asia; it is bounded north by Syria; east by the Persian Gulf; south by the Arabian Sea; and west by the Red Sea, Egypt, and Syria. It is 1500 miles in extent from north to south, and 1300 from east to west. Area in square miles, 1,166,000.

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The general aspect of Arabia is a vast arid desert, interspersed with spots of fertile ground. Water is generally scarce, and there are no rivers or lakes of any considerable size. The most fertile parts are situated near the sea. Of its mountains, Sinai and Horeb are the most celebrated. In the mountainous parts the climate is temperate, but in unsheltered situations the heat is excessive.

Arabia was divided by the ancients into three parts; Arabia Felix, or Happy Arabia, comprising the south-western part of the country bordering on the Indian Ocean and on the southern part of the Red Sea; Arabia Petræa, lying on the Red Sea, north of Arabia Felix; and Arabia Deserta, much the largest division, embracing all the eastern and northern part of the country. These names are still in common use among Europeans, although not known or recognised by the tactives. The actual local divisions are, 1st. Hedjaz, situated along the upper coasts of the Red Sea; here is the Holy Land of the Mohammedans, containing Mecca and Medina. 2d, Yemen, lying on the lower shores of the Red Sea, and

on the Gulf of Aden, is the most populous and best cultivated part of Arabia, and is now under the control of Mohammed Ali, Pacha of Egypt. 3d Hadramaut, whose shores are washed by the Arabian Sea, or Indian Ocean: this division is under the control of numerous petty chiefs, one of whom, the Sultan of Keshin, is master of the Island of Socotra. 4th, Oman, lying partly on the Sea of Oman, and on the Persian Gulf: most of it is under the government of the Imam of Muscat, the most enlightened and civilized of all the Arab chiefs. 5th, Hajar, or Lahsa, extending from Omon, along the Persian Gulf, to the Euphrates; its harbours are mostly in the possession of pirates, who capture all the vessels in the Gulf they can master; it is also noted for its pearl-fisheries. 6th, Nedsjed, the country of the Wahabites, occupies the centre of Arabia between Hajar and Hedjas; it is tolerably populous, and although much of the surface is desert, it contains many fertile tracts.

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Arabia is, and has been from the earliest ages, ruled by a number of princes and petty lords, independent of each other, and exercising within their own territory a sort of supreme independent power, founded on patriarchal principles. The sway of the father of a family, the first source of subordination among men, is that of which the influence is still most strongly felt among the Arabs. Each little community is considered as a family, the head of which exercises paternal

authority over the rest.

The general character of the soil of Atabia is, in a peculiar degree, arid and barren. In a great part of its surface no grain can be raised at all, and in others only that coarse kind of millet, called dhouver, which is the general food of the inhabitants in dry tropical climates. The Arabs, notwithstanding their natural disadvantages and their wandering life, display in some quarters considerable industry in cultivation, particularly in turning to account the scanty rills with which their valleys are refreshed. In Yemen, the contrivances for this purpose are elaborate and extensive. Terraces are formed, and dikes constructed to retain the waters, which are also raised from wells by the labour of the hand to irrigate the fields; for the use of water-wheels, which answer this purpose with so much more case and effect, has never been imported from Egypt. But the most interesting culture of these upland tracts consists in the coffee tree, which has now become a necessary of life over a great portion of the civilized globe. This plant grows at a considerable height, where it can be well watered and enjoy even a measure of coolness; to promote which, it is often fenced round with other trees.

If the vegetable culture of Arabia be thus scanty, its natives, a race wholly patteral and wandering, have cultivated with care and success the breed of the nobler species of animals. The horse of Arabia, as to swiftness and beauty, enjoys a higher reputation than any other species in the world. This is maintained by an almost fantastic attention to their birth and training. The camel, which seems created expressly for the soft soil and thirsty plains of Arabia, is indigenous to that country, and seems to have been transported thence to the wide tracts, of similar character, which cover so great a part of northern Africa. Even the ass is here of a very superior breed, tall and handsome, generally preferred for travelling to those proud steeds which, reserved for state and for war, cannot be subjected to any species of drudgery.

Manufactures can scarcely be said to exist, with the exception of some quite common fabrics for domestic use. But for commerce Arabia enjoyed an early celebrity, of which only faint traces are now to be found. At all periods anterior to the discovery of the passage by the Cape of Good Hope, the greater part of the rich commodities of India were transported either up the Red Sea, or across Arabia from the Persian Gulf. The desert glittered with pearls and genns; and majestic cities, that lie now in ruins, arose amid the waste. Now that the whole of this trade has taken a different channel, the maritime commerce is almost wholly limited to the export of caffee, in exchange for the manufactures of Hindonstan. This intercourse, after having been for a long time nearly engrossed by the English, when it centered in Bombay, has of late been appropriated by the active rivalry of the Americans, who, though they give a higher price for the commodity, bring it to Europe thirty per cent. cheaper. The entire quantity exported is

now estimated at 16,000 bales, of 305 lbs. each. Aden formerly experted gum Arabic, myrrh, and frankincense; but on its decline the trade was divided between Mocha and Makulls. Aden is reviving, and will probably regain its former trade.

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Besides this maritime trade, the pilgrimage to Mecca forms a commercial tie between the remotest extremities of the African and Asiatic continents; for the numerous devotees who, from every part of the Mahometan world, resort thither, scruple not to combine with their pious object a good deal of profane traffic, which is made at least to pay the expense of the journey.

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The chiefs of the desert are deeply imbued with aristocratic feelings, and dwell on their high descent with a pride as lofty as ever prevailed in feudal Europe. This dignity is the more flattering, as it is not conferred or withdrawn at the will of any monarch. It is founded on ideas thoroughly rooted in the mind of the nation, who, like the Highland clans, view every shelk as the natural head of a race so ancient that its origin is traced back for thousands of years. A shelk of an ancient Arabian family would not exchange his title for that of sultan. Another here-litary Arabian dignity is that of sheriffe, or descendant of Mahomet, marked by the nearly exclusive neighbor of wearing a green turben. This is

marked by the nearly exclusive privilege of wearing a green turban. This is a distinction of a different class, more widely diffused, and descending often to the poorest among the people. When the green turban is worn by the head of an ancient tribe, it denotes the highest dignity that can exist in Arabia. In general, the inhabitants of cities are viewed by the chiefs of the desert as a mixe? and debased race, whom they acarcely own as belonging to the same nation with them-

The most prominent feature in the Arab character consists in the combination of hospitality and robbery, which are practised, the one most liberally and generously, "he other in the most deliberate and merciless manner. It is towards strangers that these opposite dispositions are exercised; and the alternative of good or ill treatment often depends on very nice particulars. The rich traveller, who journeys in caravan over the open plain, is considered as a rightful prey; while he who approaches singly, in a defenceless state, and soliciting protection, acquires an irresistible claim to it. The being once admitted to partiake common bread and salt is a sure pledge of safety and protection; and he who, by whatever means, has penetrated into the tent of the Arab, has reached a sanctuary.

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The Arabs are of small size, spare, and even meagre. They are less distinguished by strength than by extreme agility. Few nations surpass them in horse-manship, and they are alike intrepid and skilful in the management of the bow, the javelin, and latterly of the musket, since its manifest superiority has introduced that weapon. Their complexion is sallow. They are not only temperate, but extremely abstinent. Animal food is scarcely used at all: even among the rich there is little variety of vegetable diet; the milk of their camels, with its several preparations, particularly butter, is the only article with which they sea-

The religion of Mahomet, which originated in Arabia, still maintains undisputed sway; and Christians, who were once numerous, are now so completely extirpated, that it is believed there is not a single church existing. The Sunites and the Shiites, who divide between them the empires of Turkey and Persia, and wage such mortal hostility about they know not what, have also their respective districts in Arabia. The Sunites rank foremost, having always had in their possession the holy cities of Mecca and Medins. The Zeidites and the Beisri, two native sects, reign in the eastern territory of Oman. These, though they unite in acknowledging the authority of Mahomet and the Koran, have, like other religious sects, some differences, in virtue of which they account themselves the only acceptable worshippers, and all others as heretical and profane. The Wahabite sect, whose political influence had absorbed nearly the whole of Central Arabia, were lately the predominant people, but their contest with Mohammed Ali, and his triumphant success, have now reduced their power to a very low ebb.

Mecca, celebrated as the birth-place of Mohammed, is situated in a dry, barren, and rocky country, 40 miles inland from the Red Sea. It is entirely supported by the concourse of pilgrims from every part of the Mohammedan world. The chief

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ornament of Mecca is the famous temple, in the interior of which is the Kaaba or house of the prophet. The most sacred relic in the Kaaba is the stone said to have been brought by the angel Gabriel to form the foundation of the edifice. The grand ceremony through which pilgrims pass is that of going seven times round the Kaaba, reciting verses and psalms in honour of God and the prophet, and kissing each time the sacred stone. They are then conducted to the well of Zennzem, situated in the same part of the temple, where they take large draughts, and bathe in its holy waters. Another ceremony, considered as of equal virtue, is the pilgrimage to Mount Arafat, situated 30 miles zouth of the city. Population, once estimated at 100,000, is now reduced to 38,000. The resort of pilgrims has of late years greatly diminished. Jidda, on the Red Sea, serves as the port of Mecca.

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Medina, 176 miles north of Mecca, is celebrated as containing the tomb of Mohammed, around which 300 silver lamps are kept continually burning. The population is 18,000. Yambo, on the Red Sea, is the port of Medina. Mocha, situated near the southern extremity of Arabia, is the principal port on the Red Sea, and the channel through which almost all the intercourse of Europe with this part of the world is carried on. The great article of export is coffee, which is celebrated as the finest in the world. Population, 5000. Sana, the capital of Yemen, is a handsome city, situated 198 miles north-north-east of Mocha, and the residence of

the Imam of Yemen. Population, 40,000, with 3000 Jews.

Aden is situated on the coast of Yemen, 130 miles north-east from the straite of Babelmandel. In the 15th century it was the chief emporium of Arabia; but the discovery of a passage to the East by the Cape of Good Hope destroyed its pre-eminence, and gradually reduced its population, which 200 years ago amounted to 30,000, but in 1835 numbered only 800. A few years since the East India Company acquired possession of Adea, made it a station for their steam-ships, and in consequence it is fast regaining its ancient importance. The inhabitants already amount to 23,000, including a garrison of 2000 men.

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Makulla, 350 miles north-east of Aden, is a considerable trading town. It has an imposing appearance, the houses being built in the castellated style of the middle ages. Farther to the north-east are the ports of Keshin, Seger, Morebat, &c., which are but little known, and seldom frequented by Europeana.

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Omon, the easternmost district of Arabia, is governed by an Imam, or spiritual prince, who is the most energetic of any of the present Arab rulers. He has several large ships of war, and his subjects are good sailors; they possess some of the finest merchant vessels met with in the eastern seas. Their trade extends to all the ports of British India, to Singapore, Java, the Mauritius, Eastern Africa, and the Persian Gulf. The pearl trade of the latter now contres in Muscat. All the ports upon the adjacent coasts are subject to the Imam, as are also the islands of Kanzibar, Monfia, and Pemba, on the east coast of Africa; he also rents the islands of Kishm and Ormus, in the Persian Gulf, besides the port of Gomberoon, and some sulphur mines from the Persian government. A treaty of commerce was concluded between the United States and this prince in 1835.

Muscat, the capital of Omon, is a general depôt for Persian, Arabian, and India goods: it is well fortified and surrounded by a strong wall, within which Araba and Banians (Hindoo merchapts) only are permitted to reside; all others must remain without the gates. The population is rated at from 10,000 to 15,000. A considerable trade is carried on by caravans with the interior of Arabia.

PERSIA.

This country, in the earliest times, was the seat of one of the most powerful Asiatio monarchies, connecting Eastern with Western Asia; and in later ages, acted with energy on the political system of Europe. Although abridged of its ancient greatness, it still presents many interesting features. The limits of Persia have been different at various times, and were formerly more extensive than at present, including the countries of Balk, Afghanistan, Candahar, and Beloochistan.

n the east, all which are now separated; and in the north-west, some districts have been annexed to Russia.

The boundaries of Persia are the Aras, or Araxes, the Caspian Sea, and the deserts of Khiva, on the north; a vast sandy desert on the east; the Persian Gulf on the south, and the Euphrates, Tigris, and the mountains of Armenia, on the west; extending from north to south 850 miles, and from east to west 900 miles.

rea, 480,000 square miles.

Persia is bordered on the north-west and west by the mountains of Armenia and Kurdistan; on the north and north-east by the Elbors and Paropamisan or Ghoor Mountains, which are continued eastward into the great chain of the Hindoo Koosh. The country is also traversed by several other ranges, either independent or connected with the frontier chains. The interior consists of an im-mense dry, salt plain, and at least two-thirds of the whole country are composed of naked mountains, arid deserts, salt lakes, and marshes covered with jungle. On the northern, western, and eastern frontiers, are large rivers, but none of great magnitude traverse the country. The streams which usually descend from the mountains are lost in the sand, or formed into lakes. They produce, however, most of the fertility of which this region can boast, and, where abundant, render the plains through which they flow, beautiful and luxuriant in a high degree.

The plain of Shiraz is considered the boast of Persia, and almost of the East.

That of Ispahan is only second to it. The provinces on the Caspian, watered by streams from the Elborz, are of extraordinary fertility, but the air is humid and unhealthy. The centre and south are entirely destitute of trees; but gardens are cultivated with great care, and the fruits are excellent. The wine of Shiraz is considered superior to any other in Asia. The mulberry in the northern provinces is so abundant as to render silk the staple produce of the empire. Other productions are grain, rice, cotton, tobacco, indigo, senna, rhubarb, opium, saffron,

manna, and assafætide.

The most considerable mineral production is salt. There are some mines of iron, copper, and silver; also turquoise stones. The Persians are to a considerable extent a manufacturing people. The principal manufactures are beautiful carpets, shawls, silks; tapestry formed of silk and wool, embellished with gold; arms, sword-blades, leather, paper, and porcelain. The foreign commerce of Persia is inconsiderable, and is chiefly in the hands of foreigners. Bushire, on the Persian Gulf, is the principal port, the commerce of which is mostly connected with that of Bussorah. Some trade is also carried on between the ports on the Caspian Sea and Astrachan. The main commercial intercourse, however, of Persia, is that by caravans, with Turkey on one side, and Tartary and India on the other. The Persians are Mahometans of the sect of the Shiites, or of the followers of Ali, and are on that ground viewed with greater abhorrence by the Turks than even Christians; but they are not themselves an intolerant people. The government is entirely absolute. The reigning king is regarded as the vice-gerent of the prophet, and is absolute master of the lives and property of his

The Persians are accounted the most learned people of the East, and poetry and the sciences may be considered as their ruling passion. Their chief poets, Hafiz, Sadi, and Ferdusi, have displayed an oriental softness and luxuriance of imagery which have been admired even in European translations. Ferdusi is the epic poet of Persia: the theme of Sadi is wisdom and morality; while Hafiz has strung only the lyre of love. The latter is the most popular poet, though strict Mahometans scarcely consider it lawful to peruse his verses, unless after straining

them into a refined and mystical sense.

The people of Persia are also the most polite of the oriental nations, and surass all others in the skilful and profuse manner in which they administer flattery. They employ in conversation the most extravagantly hyperbolical language. Dissimulation is carried by them to the highest pitch; lying is never scrupled at, and their whole conduct is a train of fraud and artifice. Morality is much studied, though little practiced.

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Astrabad, Irak, Ajemi, Khorasan, Fars, Laristan, and Kerman. The population of the whole is probably about 10,000,000. The physical character of the Persians is fine, both as to strength and beauty, but without possessing any very marked features. So many migratory nations have settled in the country, that it retains only a fragment of its native race. The complexion, according to the climate,

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Persia, though a warlike kingdom, has scarcely any force which can be considered a regular army. There is a body of 2000 or 3000 horse-guards, called goolam, composed of youths of distinction, who assume, however, the title of royal slaves. A large body of 10,000 or 12,000 cavalry have lands assigned them round the capital, and are ready to attend the king when called upon. But the main force of the Persian armies has always consisted of their highland tribes, led by their khans. The number which can be called out on an emergency is estimated at 150,000, 200,000, or even 250,000. They possess many of the qualities of good eavalry troops, are well mounted, skilful forement personally brave, and inured to hardships. They handle their arms will the greatest dexterity, but have not the least idea of discipline, tactics, or the art of war. The late sovereign made considerable exertions to form and discipline a corps after the European manner, commanded by British officers. This force amounted, some years ago, to about 12,000 men, who went through their exercise in a very toleracle manner. These troops have been, however, of late neglected, and most of the European officers have left the service.

An unhappy circumstance in the condition of Persia consists in the numberless predatory hordes by which the country is ravaged. Her fertile plains are everywhere intermingled with mountains and deserts tenanted by these rude banditti.

Even those who defend the country in war, frequently plunder it during peace.

The capital of Persia is Teheran, situated at the foot of the loftiest mountains of Elborz. It is four miles in circumference, strongly fortified, and rather a camp than a city. It has no grand edifices except the ark, combining the character of a palace and of a citadel. In summer the place becomes so extremely unhealthy that all leave it who can. The king with the troops, and the chiefs with all their trains, depart, and encamp on the plains of Sultania. The population of the city thus varies according to the season, from 10,000 to 60,000. Adjacent to Teheran are the remnants of the ancient Rhage, mentioned as a spot to which the Jews were conveyed after the Babylonish captivity. It continued a great city till de-stroyed by the generals of Zingis Khan. The remains are of sun-burnt brick, and the whole surface, for three miles in every direction, is marked by hollows, mounds, mouldering towers, tombs, and wells.

Tabreez, or Tauris, the chief town of Adzerbijan, was more illustrious than any city in Persia, both as a splendid capital and a seat of commerce; and in the time of Chardin, 150 years ago, it was supposed to contain 500,000 inhabitants. ture and man have co-operated in its destruction. It has been sacked eight different times, and has been shattered by repeated and dreadful earthquakes. the 250 mosques numbered by Chardin, only three could be traced by Sir R. K. Porter. That of Ali Shah, 600 years old, still retains traces of the greatest magnificence, being cased with lacquered tiles of porcelain, disposed and adjusted into intricate and elaborate figures, and surrounded with a complete band of gilded Arabic sentences, embellished with flowers in green and gold. There is also

splendid tomb of Sultan Cazan, without the city. Population, 30,000.

Reshd, the capital of Ghilan, and near the shore of the Caspian Sea, is described as a flourishing commercial city, having 60,000 inhabitants, with well-kept bazans, but abounding in beggars. Its harbour is unsafe in stormy weather.

Large crops of wheat, rice, and other grain, cover the fields in its vicinity: but the staple production is silk, which is either worked up within the province, or exported to Astrachan. The chief of the other towns on the Caspian are Balfrush. with 20,000 inhabitants: Amol, with about the same population; Farahabad, and Astrabad, the capital of the province of the same name, on a small river, a few miles from the sea. These all have a share of the commerce of the Caspian.

Meshed, the capital of Khorasan, is a large and fortified city, situated in a fine

plain, and distinguished by the superb sepulchre of Harogn al Raschid. Though much decayed, it still numbers 50,000 inhabitants. To the south, Nishapore, onco a splendid capital of Persia, and continually rising anew, after its destruction by Alexander, by the Arabs, and by the Tartars, was, when it had become the capital of the Turkish princes of the Seljuk dynasty, so completely destroyed by Zingis Khan, that the inhabitants, on returning, could not recognize their own houses. Its 12,000 aqueducts are now dry, and its population, occupying a mere corner beyond its former circumference of twenty miles, is reduced to 8000. Tursheez, Tubbus, Serukhs, Tabas, are large towns, with some trade, still included in the Persian dominion.

Of the cities of this country, Ispahan stands pre-eminent. By the caliphs of Bagdad it was made the capital of Persia; and being placed in the centre of the empire, surrounded by a fertile and beautiful plain, it became a rendezvous of the inland commerce of Asia, and attained an extent and splendour unrivalled in reckoned that in his time it was twenty-four miles in circuit, and contained 172 mosques, 48 colleges, and 1800 caravanserais. The most magnificent edifice was the palace, the gardens attached to which occupied a space of five miles in circumference, and were interspersed with the most splendid pavilions. The Midan, a square, serving for military reviews and for a market-place, round which were built the palace and a number of splendid mosques; with the Chaur Baug, a long avenue of plane-trees, were also distinguished ornaments of Ispahan. In 1722, it was taken and almost destroyed by the Afghans, and, the later sovereigns having preferred a northern residence, no exertions have been made for its restoration. It is still, however, a great city, with extensive trade, and some flourishing manufactures, particularly of gold brocade, Hussein Khan, a native, who has raised himself to extraordinary wealth, is making great efforts to revive its magnificence.

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Shiraz, the capital of Fars, though neither very ancient nor very extensive, has long been one of the boasts of Persia, from the beauty of its environs, and the polished gaiety of its inhabitants. It has been the favourite seat of the Persian names, and near it are still to be found the tombs of Hafiz and Saadi, the chief of the national poets. Its wines are celebrated as the most valuable in the East, and it is the seat of a considerable and increasing trade.

Thirty miles to the north of Shiraz are found the remains of the palace of Persepolis, one of the most magnificent structures which art ever reared. Its front is 600 paces in length, and the side 390 paces. The architecture is in a peculiar style, but remarkable for correct proportions and beautiful execution. The staircases leading into the interior are peculiarly extensive and magnificent. The portals and the capitals of the columns are adorned with numerous figures in basso-relievo, representing combats and processions of various kinds. The drawing of the figures is correct; but as only their contour is represented, without any of the prominences and details, they present a heavy appearance, and cannot rival the great works of Grecian sculpture.

South-west from Shiraz, situated on the coast of the Persian Gulf, is Bushire, which, since Persia lost Bussorah, has been the emporium of its foreign trade. This is chiefly with India, and is not sufficient to render the town either large or bandsome. Large vessels cannot anchor nearer than six miles, in a roadstead, which, though good, is not perfectly safe in north-west winds. The remaining towns of this country worthy of notice are Hamadan, Kermanshah, Yezd, Kerman, Lar, &c. The first two are in Irak. Of these, Hamadan is a considerable town, with 30,000 or 40,000 inhabitants. The Jews suppose that queen Esther and Mordecai are buried here, and accordingly many of them repair hither in pilgrimage to visit their tombs. Kermanshah is a town of 3000 or 9000 souls. Near it are some remarkable sculptured rocks. Yezd, in the south-west part of Khorasan, is a considerable city, still flourishing as a seat of commerce and of a valuable silk manufactory. Here is the remnant, amounting to about 16,000, of the persecuted Guebres, Parsees or fire-worshippers.

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of the civil wars at the close of the last century it was nearly destroyed, and has but artially recovered. Its manufacture of shawls and carpets is still considerable. Population about 30,000. South of Kermin is Gomberoon, near the entrance of the Gulf of Persia; it was formerly a because commercial port, but is now much decayed, and is under the control of the Imamnof Muscat. Near it are the islands of Ormus, Larak, and Kishm; the latter is tolerably fertile, and contains a rown of some size; the former, once the great emporium of India and Persia, and whose name was a proverb for wealth and splendour, is now almost desolate, and its magnificent city a mass of ruins. It belongs at present to Muscat, whose chief is making some exertions to restore its prosperity.

AFGHANISTAN, OR CABUL.

The country bounded on the east by Hindoostan and west by Persia, eriginally a part of ancient Persia, but now no longer connected with it, is divided into the separate territories of Afghanistan and Beloochistan, the latter comprising the southern and the former the northern portion; these together form nearly a square of 900 miles in length and 700 in breadth, and are included between the 57th and 71st degrees of east longitude, and the 25th and 36th of north latitude. Its natural boundaries are formed by the mighty chain of Hindoo Koosh, on the north; by the Indus on the east; the Indian Ocean on the south; and, on the west, by a winding line drawn along the desert boundaries of Kerman and Khorasan.

This region presents a sort of compound of Persia and Arabia; on the north, vast mountains, high table-lands, and rapid rivers; on the south, andy and salt deserts. The most conspicuous feature is that grand mountain chain, continued from the snowy range of Hindocetan, which forms the whole of its northern boundary. Though its height does not equal that of the loftiest peaks of the Himmsleh, it is truly amazing, and scarcely exceeded in any other region of the globe. One point, the most elevated yet observed, has been stated to reach 20,593 feet. Its summits, though only in the 34th degree of latitude, are covered with perpetual snow; and being seen at once from the whole extent of this region, form, as it were, a bond of connexion between the various nations by which it is peopled. Several subordinate chains traverse this country. Of these the most important is Solimaun, which runs parallel to the Indus, and nearly at right angles with the Hindoc Koosh.

The southern region, Beloochistan, consists partly of rugged mountains of inferior elevation; partly of vast deserts which are equally dreary with those of Africa and Arabia, and of which the sands, being blown into waves, oppnse greater obstruction to the traveller.

The rivers of this territory, unless we include among them the limitary stream of the Indus, are not of the first magnitude. The Kama rises beyond its limits in the territory of Cashgar, and, after crossing the Hindoo Koosh, and re-eiving the river of Cabul, which rises in the southern part of that chain, falls into the Indus at Attock. The Helmund derives its origin from a source not far from that of the Cabul; it traverses the plain of Candahar, and, giving some degree of fertility to the axid plains of Seistan, terminates by forming the salt lake of Zurrah. It must have flowed then nearly 600 miles. The mountain tracts in the south give rise to numerous rivers, or rather torrents, nearly dry in summer, but rapid and desolating in winter.

Afghanistan is occupied by various tribes. Of these, the Dooraunees, who are the most numerous, inhabit the western part of the territory; the Eimauks and Hazaurehs, the mountainous districts of Hindoo Koosh; the Ghiljies are settled in the central districts, and the Berdooraunees on the eastern border. Besides these, there are the smaller and less important tribes of the Eusofzees, Sheraunees, Vitarees, Naussers, Caukers, &c. The kingdom of Cabul, the only monarchy in this region, was some time ago much more powerful than at present, and comprised within its bounds some of the finest provinces of Western Hindoostan and

southern Tartary; but since the death of its late monarch, Ahmed Shah, it has been broken up by the dissensions among his family, and the power of Runjeet Sing, who has occupied several of its finest provinces. Its limits do not now extend beyond Afghanistan proper.

The political constitution of Cabul exhibits peculiarities which distinguish it from that of almost every other Asiatic monarchy. Instead of the power being proportion of a thest by the kname with no check but the inmonopolized by the sovereign, or at least by the khane, with no check but the inmonopoised by the sovereign, or at least by the kname, with no check but the influence of rival chiefs, it admits a large influence of popular elements. In every tribe there is a jeerge, or representative assembly, without whose consent the kian can undertake nothing, and who also administers justice, though in some subserviency to the rooted principle of private vengeance. Among the Afghan tribes great reverence is paid to birth, and particularly to antiquity of descent.

The revenues of the kingdom of Cabul arise from the land-tax, the tributes in the same of the content of the same of

paid by vassal chieft, the royal demesnes, and some minor sources. A considerable proportion, however, must often be remitted to the tributary princes, who, if be

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they did not receive this remission as a grant, would be in danger of rebelling against the power which should persist in exacting the full amount.

The military force, or at least the most regular and efficient part of it, consists of Gholaums, a body formed partly of military adventurers, partly of persons holding lands or grants on a military tenure in and around the great cities. They form a well-disciplined and disposable army, about 13,000 strong. The Dooraunees are easily mustered, to the amount of 12,000 brave highland militia, each fighting under the banner of his own chieftain. The contingents of the other tribes amount collectively to a much greater number; but they are drawn out with great difficulty, unless for local purposes, or with a peculiar hope of plunder.

A very great portion of this vast region is doomed to complete and irremediable barrenness, produced by the opposite extremes of lofty snow-covered mountains, and of sandy plains. Other portions, however, of considerable extent, bear quite an opposite character. The lower declivities of the mountains, and the high plains interspersed between them, though they do not offer the profuse products that cover the plains of Delhi and Ispahan, are often equal to the finest parts of Europe. Nor are these natural advantages neglected by a rough but active and laborious people. Irrigation, as in all tropical climates, forms the most important

and arduous part of husbandry.

Wheat and barley, instead of rice, are the principal species of grain; the first for the food of man, the latter for that of horses. Fruits and vegetables are produced in such abundance, that their cheapness is almost unequalled.

The people have not extended their industry to manufactures, except those of coarse abrics for internal consumption. The kingdom of Cabul, by its situation, is excluded from maritime commerce; and the coast of Mekran is too poor to make much use of its natural advantages in this respect. The country, however, carries on a considerable inland trade within its own provinces, with the neighbouring countries, and also as a thoroughfare between Persia and India. This traffic is carried on by caravans, which employ camels where the route is practicable for them, but in the rough mountain roads of Afghanistan horses and ponies are substituted. These caravans journey under the continual dread of the predatory tribes, which infest almost every part of this country. The best parts of this region produce rather the simple necessaries of life, than those superfluities which can become the objects of exchange. Fruits, assafestida, madder, and a few furs, form the principal articles. In return, they receive the manufactures of Persia

and India, and even those of Europe, by way of Orenburg and Bokhara.

The population of the whole region has been computed as follows, viz:

Afghans	 	 	 		 4,300,000
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The Afghane, who form the main body of the population, present, in their as

post and character, a very striking contrast to the Hindose, on whom they immediately border. Their high and even harsh features, their sunburnt countenances, their long beards, loose garments, and shaggy mantles of skins, give the idea of a much rader and more unpolished people. Under this rough exterior, however, are soon disclosed estimable qualities, which advantageously contrast with the timid servility produced by long subjection in the Indian. Their martial and lofty spirit, their bold and simple manners, their sobriety and contempt of pleasure, their unbounded hospitality, and the general energy and independence of their character, render them on the whole a superior race.

The established religion, in Afghanistan, is strictly Mahometan, though toleration prevails more than even in the Persian empire, where it has been observe to

be greater than usual in Mussulman countries.

A taste for knowledge is general. There are schools in every little town, and even village, so that the first elements of learning are very widely diffused. The poets, by profession, are not to be compared with those of Persia; but a considerable display of genius often appears in the rude verses of the chiefs and warriors, who celebrate their own feelings and adventures.

The inhabitants of Afghanistan are formed into two great divisions—of dwellers in tents, and dwellers in houses. The former, in the western part of the kingdem, are supposed to constitute one-half of the population; in the eastern they are wer, but still very considerable in number. The Afghans have generally a strong at tachment to the pastoral life, and are with difficulty induced to quit it. The most numerous of the latter are the Taujiks, who have been supposed to amount to 1,500,000, and to be the original people subdued by the Afghans, who regard them as inferiors. They inhabit the towns and their vicinity, and carry on those trades which are displained by the ruling people.

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The Afghana are fond of all sorts of boisterous amusements, particularly those which involve great dist ay of bodily activity. Hunting is as it were the sage over all Afghanistan, and the people pursue it not only in all the known and usual modes, but in others, peculiar to the country itself.

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The kingdom of Cabul was conquered in 1839, by an Anglo-Indian army, and was added as a province to the already overgrown empire of the East India Company. Ghiznee, Candahar, Cabul, and other cities, were taken. Nearly the whole army of Does Mahomed, the reigning prince, joined that of the victors, and everything indicated a permanent conquest. At length, however, the Afghans rose en masse, utterly destroyed an Indian army of 6000 men, and so harassed the remaining forces, that in 1842 they were withdrawn to the eastern bank of the Indus. Cabul, the principal city of Afghanistan, is one of the most delightful in the world. Being situated about 6000 feet above the level of the sea, it enjoys a temporate allegate and its surrounded by a extensive plain finely watered by three

Cabul, the principal city of Afghanistan, is one of the most delightful in the world. Being situated about 6000 feet above the level of the sea, it enjoys a temperate climate, and is surrounded by an extensive plain finely watered by three rivulets. The soll is rather deficient in grain, but produces abundance of forage and a profusion of the most delicious fruits, which are exported to India and other countries. Cabul is a busy bustling city, and its bazaar of 2000 shops is considered almost without a rival in the east. The population is 60,000.

Ghiznee, 75 miles nearly south of Cabul, was once the capital of an empire reaching from the Tigris to the Ganges; but its splendour has disappeared. It is now a small but strongly fortified town of 1500 houses, and until its late capture was considered impregnable.

Bamean, 100 miles north-west from Cabul, is a city cut out of the rock whose cavern abodes are scattered over a surface of eight miles in extent. Some of these are of large dimensions, and seem to have been intended for temples. Among its curiosities are two gigantic idols, one 190, and the other 60 feet high, carved out

of the side of the mountain to which they are attached.

Peshawer was once the capital of the kingdom of Cabul. It is situated in a very fertile plain, about 56 miles west of the Indus, and has lately much declined. It now contains 50,000 inhabitants, scarcely half its former amount. The city is rudely built, and its few good public edifices are much decayed; but it presents a picturesque aspect from the varied appearance and costume of the inhabitants of the surrounding mountains, mingled with the natives of India, Persia, and Tartary.

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it, butes der the Great. The antiquity, however, belongs chiefly to the site, upon which new towns have been successively erected by different conquerors and potentiates. It is regular and well built, with four long and broad bassars; but, like other cities, it is not adorned with those magnificent monuments of architecture which mark the capitals of the great empires. Population, 50,000.

Herat, formerly belonging to Persia, is situated on a small river of the same name, in the north-west corner of Afghanistan: it is a very racient city, and was in the scaith of its splendour in the 15th and 16th centuries; the Persian historians are difficent in their description of its nalescen carryanaries, measures are received.

are diffuse in their description of its palaces, caravansaries, mosques, gardens, &c. It has at present an extensive manufacture of carpets; the neighbouring country produces excellent fruit, and roses are in such quantities that Herat obtained the name of the city of roses: the population is supposed to be about 65,000.

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BELOOCHISTAN.

The southern part of this region is known by the name of Beloochistan, or the country of the Belooches, who form the bulk of its inhabitants: it contains several subdivisions: those in the eastern part are Cutch-Gundava, Sarawan, Jhalawan, and Lue; in the north-west, Kohistan, adjoining to Persia; and along the sea-coast, extending from east to west for nearly 500 miles, is the province of Mekran.

Beloochistan is divided among a number of small, fierce, independent, predated the state of the s

tory tribes. The whole of its western part is composed of a desert of red moving sand, so light and minute as to be almost impalpable, but which is formed, by the sand, so light and minute as to be aimost impaipable, but which is formed, by the action of the wind, into wave-like ridges of a peculiar structure. One side slopes gradually away, but the other rises perpendicularly, like a brick wall, to a considerable height; and this side the traveller, in order to prosecute his route, must often scale with immense labour. The light sand, filling the eyes, nostrils, and mouth, heightens thirst and irritation; while the phenomenon of mirage causing the appearance of a still lake that is perpetually receding, tantalizes him with the always disappointed hope of arriving at water. Population, about 1,500,000.

Eastern Beloochistan is of a very different character. It consists of a huge mass

of rugged and rocky mountains, with intervening valleys, which, however, seldom display that fertile and smiling aspect usual in countries under the tropic, but are in general arid and stony. The streams, when swelled by rain, roll through their beds with such headlong rapidity as quickly to leave them dry, serving as roads or nightly resting-places to the traveller: but the water sometimes rushes down so suddenly as to overwhelm those who have sought this shelter. There are, however, here and there, patches of good soil, capable of cultivation. The best district is the north-eastern land of Cutch-Gundava, which affords a surplus of

Kelat, the capital of a district of the same name, contains about 20,000 inhabitants. From its elevated position it is subject in winter to such intense cold, that the khan and principal chiefs then descend to a lower region. Kelat was taken by the British during the late Afghan war, but was evacuated some time afterwards. It is the residence of a khan, who claims the sovereignty over all Beloochistan, though his real power is nearly confined to the district immediately adjoining. Nooshky, Sarawan, Jhalawan and Khozdar, are little mud towns, capitals of districts bordering on the desert; but Punjgoor is surrounded by a fertile territory watered by the Baldoo, which, after a considerable course, reaches the Indian

Ocean.
The inhabitants of this country are, like those of Afghanistan, divided into several tribes, of which the chief are the Nhoroes, Rhinds, and Mugshees, besides the contern and the Loories in the western districts, who are prethe Bezunjas in the eastern and the Loories in the western districts, who are pre-evaluent for their rapacious and predatory habits. The Belooche is a brave, hospurable, honourable robber, making chepace or raids of eighty or ninety miles, to burn a village and carry off the inhabitants as slaves, but treating kindly and securing from all harm the stranger who has, or purchases a claim to, his protection. Conjoined with him is the Brahooe, who seems to have been the original

possessor, and who, mild, innocent, and pastoral, occupies little villages situated in the bosom of these stupendous mountains.

At the south-east corner of Beleachistan, is the province of Lee, containing Beila, a small town of 2000 inhabitants, and Sonmeaner, an inconsiderable fishing-town. Along the coasts are the small ports of Gwuttur, Choubar, and Jask, cossessing some trade, subject or tributary to the Imam of Muscat. Kedje, eckoned the capital of Mekras, is a considerable town in a strong situation, the chief medium between the sea-coast and the interior countries. It is still held by the khan of Kelat, who has scarcely any other hold spon this country. Bun-poor is a small fortified town near the frontier of Kerman. 'The coast of Beloc-chistan is very abundant in fish of various kinds, as well as vast stores of oysters, &c. The people live almost entirely on fish; and as the country yields but very little gram, the few cattle belonging to the inhabitants are fed as in many parts of Arabia on fish and dates.

KAFFERISTAN.

Noarz of Alghanistan is the country called Kafferistan: it is an Alpine region, composed of snowy mountains, deep pine forests, and small but fertile valleys which produce large quantities of grapes, and feed flocks of sheep and cattle; while the hills are covered with goats. The inhabitants are called by their Mahometan neighbours, Kaffers, or infidels, whence the name of the country is derived. They believe in one God, but venerate numerous idols of stone or wood, which represent great men deceased: they have solemn sacrifices and long prayers, not failing to supplicate for the extirpation of the Mussulmans, whom they regard with invincible aversion. The villages in which they live are built on the slopes of hills, the roof of one row forming the street of the row above. Their food consists of the produce of the dairy, fruits, and flesh, which they prefer almost raw.

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Their arms are a bow with barbed and sometimes poisoned arrows, and a degger: they have lately learned the use of fire-arms and swords. They generally fight by ambuscade. The Mahometan nations are those with whom they are most habitually at war. When pursued, they unbond their bows and use them as leaping-poles, by which they bound with the utmost agility from rock to rock. The Afghans and others have sometimes confederated to make a ferocious exterminating invasion of their territory, and have met in the midst of it; but have been obliged, by the harassing and destructive mode of warfare practised by the Kaffers, to abandon the enterprise. When taken apart from their warlike propensities, the Kaffers are a kind-bearted, social, and joyous race. They are all remarkable for fair and beautiful complexions, and speak several dialects of a remarkable for fair and beautiful complexions, and speak several dialects of a language nearly allied to the Sanscrit.

KASCHGUR.

Kaschoun, north-east of Kafferistan, and between it and Little Thibet, is, like those countries, a high, bleak, and cold territory, of which our knowledge is very imperfect: the inhabitants live chiefly in tents, and are Mahometane: they are subject to petty chiefs, who exercise despotic authority.

INDIA.

IMDIA comprehends the two peninsulas of Southern Asia, which are cast of Arabis, divided by the Ganges, into India within the Ganges, or Hindcostan; and India beyond the Ganges, called also Chin India, Farther India, and sometimes Indo China. Both the peninsulas of India are remarkable for the number and

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size of their rivers, whose waters and indundations, united with the heat of the climate, make them the most fertile countries on earth. The term East indies is also used very commonly for the whole of south-eastern Asia, including China and Malaysia.

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HIMDOGETAN, in every age, has ranked as the most celebrated country in the east; it has always been the peculiar seat of Oriental pomp, of an early and peculiar civilization, and of a commerce supported by richer products than that of any

other country, ancient or modern.

This country, in its most extended sense, comprises four great divisions: 1st, Northern India contains the countries extending along the base of the Himmaleh mountains: these are Lahore, including Cashmere, Gurwal, Nepaul, and Bootan, which are nearly all independent; 2d, Hindoostan Proper, extending southward to the Nerbuddah River: this division is composed of the provinces of Sinde, Cutch, Gujorat, Rajpootana, Mewar, Malwa, Delhi, Agra, Allahabad, Oude, Bahar, and Bengal; 3d, the Deccan, comprising the regions situated between the Nerbuddah and the Kistnah Rivers, which includes the provinces of Khandesh, Gundwans, Orissa, Berar, Aurungabad, Beeder, Hyderabad, the northern Circars, and part of Bejapoor; 4th, Southern India: this division stretches from the Kistnah River to Cape Comorin, and comprises the southern part of Bejapoor, Canara, Mysore; the Carnatic, Malabar, Cochin, and Travancore. Hindoostan was divided into the above provinces by Aurengaebe, the greatest of the Mogul emperors: these are not now recognized by the native states, but still form divisions in the

British territories, and are in consequence retained.

The whole country is divided into a number of different states, of various forms and dimensions, so intermixed with each other, and so often changing in their boundaries, that to attempt any thing like a clear and distinct representation of them would require a space far beyond what can be here allotted to them.

Perhaps the grandest natural feature of this region is the vast mountain range of the Himmaleh, which forms its northern boundary, after crossing the Indus, and enc' sing the beautiful valley of Cashmere. This range, which, in bounding Afghanistan under the name of Hindoo Koosh, had an almost due easterly course, takes a south-east line, which it follows till it passes the frontier of Hindoostan. It is comparatively but a few years that the great elevation of these mountains has been ascertained. About the sources of the Indus, Ganges, and Sanpoo, or Burrampooter, they shoot up to an elevation of 25 or 25,000 feet; thus exceeding the height of any other mountains in the world. In Southern Hindoostan the two great chains of the Ghauts extend along the opposite coasts parallel to each other, or rather diverging, and leaving between them and the sea only a plain of forty or fifty miles in breadth. They rise in a few places above 3 or 4000 feet, but are very rugged and steep, and the entrance into the interior is only by very narrow and difficult passes. One continuous chain, the Vindhaya mountains, runs across the broad base of the peninsula, and forms a rugged boundary between it and the great plain of Hindoostan Proper.

The rivers of Hindoostan form a feature no less important than its mountains. The Indus, the Ganges, and the Burrampooter, are the chief, and rank among the principal streams of the Old Continent. The Indus, or Sinde, forms the western toundary of this region: its head branches, the Ladak, rise among the most elevated of the Himmaleh mountains, and within a short distance of the sources of the Ganges and Burrampooter. In its course to the ocean, it receives among other tributaries the Hydaspes, or Sutledge, famed in history since the days of Alexander. The Sinde flows into the Indian Ocean by two great estuaries, which encloses a delta of about 70 miles in extent.

The Ganges is the most pre-eminent among the rivers of India, not only from its length of course, the great and fertile valley which it waters, the number of important cities and towns on its banks, but also from the holy and sacred charac-

ter it has maintained from the most remote ages; the Hindoos believing that its waters possess a virtue which will preserve them from every moral transgression, Some of the tributaries would in many countries rank as important rivers. chief are the Jumna, Gogra, Gunduck, Cosa, &cc. About 200 miles from the es the Ganges spreads out into a broad delta, of which the numerous branches which enter the Bay of Bengal, are called the Sunderbunds; they are mostly shallow, except the Hoogly, or western branch, by which large vessels can ascend to Calcutta. The Burrampooter, the eastern limitary river of India, pours a vast body of water into the lower Ganges, before its junction with the sea; where the two streams united, form a bay with numerous islands; modern geography has long identified it with the Sanpoo of Thibet, flowing on the north side of the Himmaleh range. Late investigation, however, renders it doubtful whether they are not different streams. The other chief rivers of India are the Nerbuddah, which not different streams. The other chief rivers of India are the Nerbuddah, which falls into the Gulf of Cambay, the Godavery, Kistnah, Colleroon, &c.!, the chief of Southern India, which flow into the Bay of Bengal.

India has, for many successive ages, been the theatre of absolute empire, exercised by foreign military potentates. It presents, however, many peculiarities distinguishing it from a mere ordinary despotism. The basis of its population still consists of that remarkable native race who, during a subjection for thousands of years, have retained, quite unaltered, all the features of their original character. They preserve in full force that earliest form, a village constitution, their attachment to which seems only to have been rendered stronger by the absence of every other political right and distinction. The village, considered as a political association, includes all the surrounding territory from which the inhabitants draw their subsistence. Not only the public services, but all trades, with the exception of the simple one of cultivating the ground, are performed by individuals who hold them usually by hereditary succession, and who are paid with a certain

portion of the land, and by fixed presents.

The mass of the population belongs to the Hindon race, and, so long as they are permitted to enjoy their peculiar opinions and customs, they quietly behold all the high places occupied by any people, however strange or foreign, with whom rests the power of the sword. They have no idea of political rights or privileges, of a country or nation of their own, and in whose glory and prosperity they are interested; they never converse on such subjects, and can scarcely be made to comprehend what they mean. Their own political bond is to a chief who possesses popular qualities, and attaches them by pay and promotion: to him they often manifest signal fidelity, but are strangers to every other feeling. Despotism is not only established by long precedent, but is rooted in the very habits and minds of the community. Such habits naturally predispose the people of a fertile region, bordered by poor and warlike tribes, to fall into a state of regular and constant subjection to a firstign value.

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The power, which for many centuries ruled over Hindoostan, was Mahometan. The votaries of Islam, as usual, entered India sword in hand, announcing proscription and desolation against all who should profess a faith opposite to their own; but while by these unlawful instruments they had converted the whole west and centre of Asia, in India their religion never made the slightest impression. The Hindoos opposed to it a quiet and passive, but immoveable resistance. The conquerors, finding in them such a fixed determination upon this point, while on every other they were the most submissive and peaceable subjects, allowed their own bigotry to be disarmed. With the exception of Aurengzebe and Tippoo, they have long left the votaries of Brahma in the unnolested possession of their faith, and of the various observances with which it is connected. The Mahometans have been reckoned at nearly 10,000,000, or about a tenth of the population of

Hindoostan; and have also become a subject race.

In contemplating Hindoostan, as it now exists, the power of Britain appears entirely predominant. This absolute sway of an island comparatively so small, over an empire of 100,000,000 inhabitants, situated nearly at its antipodes, and accessible only by so vast a circuit of ocean, presents one of the most remarkable phenomena in the history of the world. Yet the subjection is complete, and almost

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tertain, are perhaps chimerical.

The number of Europeans by whom such vast dominions are held in subjection, very little exceeds 50,000. But this number is multiplied by that peculiarity in the character of the Hindoo, which makes it easy to train him into an instrument for holding his own country in subjection. He has scarcely the idea of a country to fight for. "The Asiatic fights for pay and plunder; and whose bread he eats, his cause he will defend against friends, country, and family." Accordingly, the sepoys (Indian troops commanded by British officers, and trained after the European manner) are found nearly as efficient as troops entirely British; and, so long as nothing is done to shock their religion and prejudices, they are equally faithful. Their number amounts to 270,000 men. The purely European troops maintained by the Company do not exceed 8000, but a large body of the king's troops are always employed in India; these at present are about 26,000. The Company doubles the pay of all the king's troops employed in their territories. These forces are variously distributed throughout India; for, besides defending and holding in subjection the territories immediately under British sway, bodies of them are stationed at the capitals of the subsidiary princes, at once to secure and overawe them.

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The degree of vassalage in which the different states of India are held somewhat varies. The Nizam, or soubsh of the Deccan, the king of Oude, the rajahs of Nagpoor, Mysore, Sattara, Travancore, and Cochin, with the representative of the house of Holkar, are almost entirely under the control of Britain. The Gwickwar in Guzerat, and the numerous petty Rajpoot principalities, are rather friendly allies under her protection. Scindia is still nominally independent, but cannot act in any important case without the sanction of the Company.

The government of British India is vested in the Court of Directors of the East India Company, under the control of a Board of Commissioners, consisting of several of the chief ministers of the crown, and commonly called the Board of Control. The country is divided into the three Presidencies of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay. Bengal includes the new government of Agra. The province of Sinde is a recent acquisition, for which a governor has been lately appointed. The president of Bengal is styled the Governor-General of India. The Governor-General in Council is empowered to legislate for India, under certain limitations, and subject to the revision of the Board of Control and the Court of Directors. The council consists of four members, besides the governor, appointed by the directors with the royal sanction. The business of the executive is divided among five boards: viz., of revenue; of customs, salt, and opium; of trade; of military affairs; and of medical affairs. The other Presidents in Council possess the same authority within their respective governments, but subject in all matters of general policy to the Governor-General, who has the power of declaring war, making peace, and concluding treaties, and, as captain-general, may head the military operations in any part of the country, and who may suspend the governors of the other presidencies, and lit as president in their councils. The British ecclesiastical establishment in India consists of the three bishops of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, with seventy-six chaplains.

Amid the general conquest of India by Britain, the north-western provinces alone have never as yet come even into hostile collision with that power. The state with which it is in most immediate contact is that of the Seiks. This remarkable people began their career about the middle of the 15th century as a religious sect, adopting a sort of combination of the Hindoo and Mahometan creeds. They possess the territory of Lahore, or the Punjab, watered by the upper course of the five great rivers which convey to the Indus the waters of the Himmaleh; besides the northern part of Delhi, as far as the Jumna. The government forms a species of theocracy, under a body of chiefs uniting the heterogeneous characters of priests, warriors and statesmen. In the early part of the present century, Runjeet Sing put himself at the head of these chiefs; and having conquered Cushmere and part of Cabul, fixed his residence at Lahore. This prince made his government to be both feared and respected; his army was formidable, and part of it was well disciplined in the European manner by French officers. Before his death, which

occurred in 1839, he had accumulated treasure to the amount of \$100,000,000. Since that time no successor to be compared with him in ability has appeared, and the government has lost much of its importance.

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l disvhich Moulan, composing the lower course of the five rivers, with all the territories along the Indus, excepting Sinde, its delta, is governed by chiefs formerly tributary to Cabul, but now subject to the successors of Runjeet Sing. This region is separated from Guzerat, and the other fine provinces of central, Hindoestan, by a vast tract of desert. Yielding, however, some coarse grain and pasture, it supports a certain population, and is occupied by a number of petty princes, called Rajpoots, who paid even to Aurengzebe only a slight form of submission. At present they are engaged in almost perpetual contests with each other; but no foreign power seems to interfere with them in the possession of these dreary wastes.

The territories of Bootan and Nepaul stretch along the base of the Himmaleh Mountains from south-east to north-west; of these the most important is Nepaul. The greater part of this region is elevated four or five thousand feet above the sea, and enjoys the climate of the south of Europe. It is well watered and fertile. The population is composed of two races; the Newars who form the bulk of the nation, and the Bramins who are the rulers. The whole region is subjected to the military government of the rajahs of Gorkwha, originally masters only of a small territory of that name, to the west of Nepaul. Bootan, south-eastward of Nepaul, is a country of an aspect similar to the latter. The natives, called Bootteas, are entirely unlike the people of India, and appear to be of the Mongul race: they have none of the Hindoo scruples, relative to animal food and spiritous liquors; their favourite to religion is, that of the Lama of Thibet; and Bootan is, together with that we have a under the protection of China.

The following as the latest estimate of the extent and population of the territories under the immediate administration of the Company:—

e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Square Miles, 1701 10	Population.
Presidency of Bengal, including the government of Agra and the town of Serampore	it { 220,319	69,815,000
Madras including Tranquebar	141,923	14,945,000
Government of Sinde	24,000	1,000,000
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There are, besides, 85,700 square miles in Bengal, and 5550 in Bombay, the population of which has not been ascertained; but, as they consist of rude districts, situated on the Upper Nerbuddah and in the Concan, their population probably is not above 5,000,000; and British India will not therefore much exceed 97,000,000. The subjoined table contains an estimate of the population of the subject and independent states. The following come under the first head:—

	Square mile	Mineral velocette	Population.	55
The Nizam	96,000	*****	10,000,000	
The King of Oude			4,000,000	i
The Rajah of Nagpore			2,700,000	
of Mysore			2,300,000	
of Sattara		*****	1,500,000	
The Gwickwar	. 18,000	mining.	3,200,000	
Travancore and Cochin	8,000		1,400,000	
Rajpoot and various minor principalities	283,000		16,500,000	
	536,000	- wassas	41,600,000	

To this list must be added the island of Ceylon, which is a royal colony, and contains, on 24,660 square miles, 1,300,000 inhabitants; making the grand total of British India above 1,100,000 square miles, with a population of 135,600,000 souls.

The States that still remain independent of Britain are now reduced almost to insignificance; they are thus estimated:—

	A State of	Mq. Miles.		Population.
Scindia		40,000		4,000,000
Lahore (the Seiks)	**************	50,000		4,000,000
Nepaul		53,000	*****	3,000,000
Cashmere and other di	stricts subject to the Seiks .	10,000		1,000,000
·	Total	153,000		19,000,000

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India has always been, in a peculiar manner, celebrated for its fertility, and for its profusion of magnificent and valuable products. In fact, the tropical countries, wherever water abounds, must surpass the regions under the temperate zone in this respect, were it only from the circumstance of producing more than one crop in the year. The large and copious streams of Hindoostan maintain generally throughout that country a perennial abundance. The character, however, is by no means universal. All the west of central India, except where it is watered by the Indus and its tributaries, consists of sand, in which the traveller sinks knee-deep. Sand forms even the basis of all the flat country of Bengal; though inundation and culture have covered it with a thin surface of productive clay. A great part also of the hilly districts, being over-run with that species of rank underwood called jungle, is unfit for any useful product. Although the Hindoos, too, have ever been an agricultural people, and remarkable for their industry, nothing can be more imperfect than the instruments, or the skill, with which they conduct that important art. The cultivators, for security under an imperfect police, or from mere custom, live in large villages, having each a small spot, on the tillage of which they occupy themselves, in conjunction with the labours of the loom and with other employments. Holding their lands by no tenure except that of usage, they never think of expending capital in their improvement, and could not, probably, with safety, show themselves possessed of property. Their plough, in comparison with ours, does not deserve the name. Rudely constructed, at the cost of less than half a crown, it cannot penetrate beyond two or three inches deep, and has no contrivance for turning over the soil. It is drawn, not by horses, but by oxen and buffaloes yoked together. The ground, after being scattered in several directions by this instrument, followed by the rough branch of a tree as a substitute for the harrow, is considered fit for receiving the seed. Manure is employed only in some rare cases, and consists merely of ashes and decayed vegetables. This rude system of husbandry resembles that which was practised in Europe during the early ages. It is not supposed that even in Bengal more than one acre in three is under actual tillage. The cultivators are poor in the extreme, their annual rents on an average not exceeding four pounds: and, instead of possessing any capital, they are usually sunk in debt.

Notwithstanding all these deficiencies, nature is bountiful, and the products of India are copious. Rice is the article upon which the whole region rests its main dependence; it is raised on every spot where irrigation can be procured. The periods of sowing and reaping vary, and produce a corresponding variety in the quality. Only one crop is raised in the year; but with another of millet or pulse on the same field. In some of the western Mahratta districts, it is necessary to substitute dhourra, the arid and coarse grain of Nubia. Wheat and barley are fitted only for those tracts which, from their more elevated site, approximate to the temperate climates.

The most important of the other products of Hindoostan are cotton, silk, sugar, tobacco, and indigo, which are all extensively raised; the latter has been much improved in quality and increased in amount by the introduction of European skill and eapital. Opium, previous to the late war with China, was an important article of trade to that country. Saltpetre, from Bahar, and coffee and pepper from the Malabar coast, are likewise among the chief products. Of the above articles, the annual produce is valued at 100 million pounds sterling, supposed to be equal to 600 million pounds in England.

Besides these articles destined for exportation, there are others extensively

consumed in the interior. The nut of the areas, combined with the leaf of the betel, is one universally used in India, which has never found its way into Europe. The customs of the country cause a vast consumption of vegetable oils, which are supplied from the sesamum, also from lint, mustard-seed, and the cooca-nut. Woods of various kinds grow luxuriantly on the lower declivities of the Indian hills. The canes, composing the thick jungle of underwood which abounds in marshy grounds, are not only used as in Europe, but are much employed in building. The takk has been found unrivalled for ship-building; but, though it flourishes on the hills of Malabar, it does not obtain such perfection there as in Java and the eastern peninsuls. Malabar furnishes also a large supply of sandal-wood, of the species called red-wood, as well as others used for dyeing, or for ornamental furniture.

The principal Indian manufactures are those of cotton, which, though nearly driven out of Europe by cheap and successful imitation, are preferred all over the east. Silk, though holding only a secondary place as an Indian manufacture, is still ancient and considerable; its main seats are Moorshedsbad, Benares, and Surat; at the latter, taffetas, brocades, and embroidered gauzes, are its prevailing forms. Woollens are not made except in the northorn mountainous districts, where, though coarse, they are produced to a great extent, chiefly for home consumption. Cashmere alone collects that fine wool, peculiar to the goats which feed on the table-land of Thibet; and from this material are manufactured those exquisitely beautiful shawls which Europe has striven to rival, but unsuccessfully, except in cheapness. The shawl manufactory of Cashmere has suffered peculiarly by the revolutions of that country; and the looms employed in it have been reduced from 40,000 to 16,000.

The mining operations of India are confined to one object, of so brilliant a character, however, as to throw a lustre on this and on all the Oriental regions. It produces the finest diamonds in the world; for those of Brazil, though of greater size, are inferior in hardness and brilliancy. The Indian diamonds occur chiefy in a high and rugged tract, inhabited by tribes almost independent, and extending from Golconda across the interior of Orissa.

The sands of the rivers of this tract yield also some gold dust, but not in sufficient quantity to become a national object. India produces some iron, lead, and tin, though not in sufficient quantities for home consumption. Zinc is in particular abundance; and the same may in some degree be said of these products of calcareous countries, marble, sal-gem, alabaster, common sait both in rocks and plains covered with this mineral; but the great masses of rock sait are to the west of the Indus.

The mode of conducting British commerce with India has always, till very recently, been by means of exclusive companies; and the only competition was between these rival associations. About the middle of the seventeenth century, they were combined into "the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies;" by whom, from that time, all the concerns of government and trade were administered. Between 1770 and 1784, the Company were obliged to yield a great share of their political power, which is now jointly exercised by the Board of Control. But no material breach was made in their exclusive privileges as traders till 1813, when the intercourse with Hindoostan was thrown generally open to British subjects, with only some restrictions as to the tonnage of the vessels and the ports from which they were to proceed; and even these have been in a great measure removed. Under the liberty thus granted, the private trade has increased astonishingly, and has almost driven that of the Company out of the field. By the acts of August 28, 1833, for the Better Government of his Majesty's Indian Territories, and for Regulating the Trade to China and India, the commercial privileges of the East India Company are abolished, its functions now being merely political, and the trade to India and China is thrown open to all British subjects. It is further declared lawful for all British subjects to reside in the East India Company's dominions without any license, on merely making known to the proper officer, on their arrival, their name, place of destination, and objects of pursuit; and any person so resident may acquire and hold lands, in the parts

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The annual exports to Great Britain are in value about £4,950,000; to China they are nearly the same amount; and to the adjacent regions £1,500,000. Total, £10,000,000. Great Britain receives about 50,000 tons of sugar; indigo, to the value of £3,000,000; silk, £750,000; and cotton, £1,400,00°; besides pepper, saltpetre, cinnamon, &c. Opium was formerly sent to China to the value of from £3,000,000 to £3,500,000; the amount since the ws is uncertain; of cotton, £1,200,000. The imports from Great Britain are to the value of from £3,500,000 to £4,000,000; and from other parts of Europe from £500,000 to £900,000.

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The internal trade of Hindoostan is very great. On the Ganges, and all the other large rivers, there is an extensive inland navigation. The roads generally are very indifferent, affording only a limited conveyance in rude cars, drawn by oxen. In the north-west provinces camels and horses are resorted to; and in the mountainous districts porters are the chief bearers of merchandise.

In surveying the political state of Hindoostan, an estimate has been given of its population, by which it amounts to upwards of 140,000,000. Of this vast multitude, nine-tenths are still believed to consist of that native original race, who, though subject to a foreign power during so many ages, have remained always unmixed, and have retained unaltered their ancient habits and institutions. This people have attained a considerable degree of civilization, though in a form quite different from the European nations.

The Hindoos are of a very dark complexion, almost black, with features similar to, but smaller than the European, and with a pleasing and rather soft expression of countenance; in form they are slender and graceful. The females of the higher class who do not labour are exceedingly delicate and sylph-like, with dark and languishing eyes, and long, glossy black hair. The races, however, bred to war, who inhabit the mountains and western tracts, are of a bodily constitution, more hardy and athletic than the generality of the other Hindoos.

The mass of the people are moderate and sober in their habits; a single piece of cotton stuff suffices them for clothing; their dwellings are the elightest and simplest that can be imagined; their sustenance consists mostly of rice and water, and but little trouble is required to satisfy their wants; there are, however, some classes who display in their mode of living all the luxury of the east. The rajahs and nabobs, surrounded by numerous slaves, have their garments glittering with gold, silver, gems, and embroideries; their apartments, adorned with paintings and gilding, and perfumed with various valuable essences.

Besides the Hindoos, there are about 10,000,000 of Mohammedans, comprising descendants of the Mogul conquerors of the country. Of Arabian merchants and their offspring, settled in the western, and of Afghans, found chiefly in the northwestern parts of India, there are also many; Jews, both white and black, the latter supposed to be the descendants of some of the ten tribes, and about 150,000 native Christians on the coast of Malabar, besides English, French, Portuguese, &c.; the descendants of the latter are numerous in many places, and are frequently found almost as dark in complexion as the aboriginal natives.

The Hindoos made, at a very early period, considerable progress in astronomy, algebra, &c., and have an extensive literature, mostly connected with their religion. Their works on epic and dramatic poetry are voluminous, and, though extravagant and puerile in a high degree, present many passages distinguished for sweetness, athos, and harmony; the amatory poets of India are eminent, though none of them has attained the fame of Hafiz. The Bramins, who alone ought to be learned, are now almost wholly illiterate. The only tincture of literature and thought appears to exist among some of the higher inhabitants of the great cities, who have derived it chiefly from intercourse with Europeans and particularly with the missionaries. The English language is spreading in India, and a taste for European literature, newspapers, and periodicals, is beginning to take place among those whose situation throws them into habits of intimacy with foreign residents; they have, for several years, been admissible to civil offices and to act as civil and cri-

minal judges, and are also summoned to sit in the punctayets, or native juries, and to try in some places criminal, in others both civil and criminal questions. By the Act of Parliament of 1833, for the better government of the Indian territories, it is further provided that no native shall, by reason of his religion, place of birth, descent, or colour, be disabled from holding any office or employment under the Company.

One of the most remarkable circumstances in Hindoo manners is the division of the people into castes; a division which has existed for thousands of years. The leading castes are four: first, Bramins, who are men of letters, and have the care of religion and laws; second, the soldiers, called rajah-poots, or descendants of the rajahs, (this class includes princes and sovereigns); third, merchants, farm-

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ers, and shepherds, called vaisyas; and fourth, sudras, or labourers.

The Bramin is required to abstain from animal food and fermented liquors, and to perform religious rites and ceremonies. Some of them, however, engage in employments of a secular nature. Many of them are agents or ministers of the native princes; some of them embark in commerce; and others are employed in carrying messages between distant places. They are an artful set of impostors, expert in disguising the truth, and practising without scruple every artifice to gull the people and accomplish their own selfish purposes. The number of persons of this caste who are respectable for their knowledge and virtue, is extremely small. The great body of these hereditary priests and sages are devoted to ambition, intrigue, and voluptuousness, and are disgraced by meanness, avarice, and cruelty. The charity which they profess is never practised. Towards the other castes they cherish no feeling of humanity, but claim every thing from them, while they give them nothing in return.

The rajah-poots seem not to possess the general character of the Hindoos. They have a ferocious courage, a savage ambition, and an insatiable avarice, not often compensated by any real virtues. Many of these are employed in the English service under the name of sepoys. The duties of the third caste consist in the labours of the field and garden, the rearing of cattle, and the sale of landed produce. When they travel to other countries, they engage in mercantile pursuits. The business of the fourth and most numerous caste, is servile labour. They are compelled to work for the Bramins, being considered as created solely for their use. To them the vedas, or holy books, must never be read, and whoever instructs them in religion is doomed to one of the hells with which the world of spirits is provided. Such is this singular institution of castes. Each individual remains invariably in the rank in which he is born, and cannot aspire to a higher, whatever be his merits. The castes never intermarry, and so complete is the separation, that they will not even eat at the same table.

The religion of the Hindoos, derived from their sacred books, inculcates a belief in the existence of one supreme God, who holds himself aloof from the world, in a state of perfect indolence and blies; having committed the government of the universe to three divinities. They believe that those who withdraw from the world, and devote themselves to abstinence and self-torture, will arrive at supreme happiness, by being united to the spirit of the great Deity, as a drop of water is absorbed by the ocean. The souls of the less holy they imagine will pass into the bodies of other men and brutes. The duties, ceremonies, and observances of

religion, are interwoven with all the common offices of life.

The people worship images, and, under the blind influence of superstition, drown their children in the rivers, inflict upon themselves the most painful tortures and penances, and seek death by drowning, by fire, by being crushed be-neath wheels, and by throwing themselves on large iron hooks. There is not, perhaps, in the whole history of the human race, a picture more truly horrible and disgusting than is presented by the idolatries of this infatuated people.

The great efforts which are now making by various missionary societies for introducing Christianity into India, have in many instances obtained a rich reward. Several hundreds of Hindoos have renounced their gods, the Ganges, and their priests, and have shaken from their limbs the iron chain of caste. A large number of converted natives have in some sense become missionaries, and have been

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the instruments of turning many to a purer and more enlightened faith. All the societies engaged in the work of missions have far more calls for labourers than they have instruments at their disposal. Twenty times the number of missionaries, catechista, and schoolmasters, are wanting, and there is abundant evidence that through the exertions now making, the fabric of Hindoo superstition is beginning to totter.

Besides the vast regions in Hindcostan under the sway of Great Britain, the monarchs of Portugal, France, and Denmark, possess a few small settlements, chiefly the scanty remains of much larger territories.

The Portuguese, whose settlements were formerly so numerous on the coasts and in the islands of the Indian Sea, have preserved Goa, with a few adjacent places, Damaan, and a small portion of the peninsula of Guzerat, with the fortress of Diu, a place important for the construction of vessels. These possessions, together with the Island of Macao, in the Bay of Canton in China, and some small districts of the Island of Timor, are supposed to contain about 30,000 square

miles, and 575,000 inhabitants.

The French settlements in Asia are confined to India, and comprehend the governments of Pondicherry, with the towns of Pondicherry and Karical, on the coast of Coromandel, and a few other places, among which, Chandernagor in Bengal, and Mahé on the coast of Malabar, are the most important. The whole area possessed by the French does not exceed 450 square miles, with a population of 160,000 individuals.

The Danish colonies consist only of the town of Tranquebar, and its territory, on the coast of Coromandel, a place remarkable for the influence which the missionary establishment of the Protestant creed, which was erected here more early than in other places, exercised on the neighbourhood. The Danes have also a small settlement at Scrampore, on the Ganges. The population of the whole is about 60,000.

The settlements of the Dutch were formerly dispersed over the coasts of both peninsulas of India, as well as over the adjacent islands; but they were obliged to abandon them by degrees; and since 1821, they have been limited to the islands.

Hindoostan has from the earliest times been noted for the great number of its large and populous cities and towns. The following are a few of the most prominent at the present day.

Calcutta, the capital of British India, situated on the Hoogly branch of the Ganges, 100 miles from the sea, contains \$230,000 inhabitants; while, within a radius of twenty miles, there are upwards of \$2,000,000. The situation was originally very unhealthful, being in the midst of forests and swamps; and, though these have been in a great measure cleared away, it still suffers by the damp breezes from the Sunderbunds. The English town, or suburb, called Chouringes, contains the finest houses. Strapgers ascending the river are particularly struck by the number of elegant villas, with which all the environs are studded. The Black Town, comprising much the greater part of Calcutta, consists, as in other parts of India, of miserable cottages of mud and bamboo. The government house is a very splendid and costly structure. A college was founded by the Marquess Wellesley, which boasted many illustrious members, but has of late been much reduced. The allowances to all the servants of government are liberal; and though their aim, in going out, has generally been to return with an independent fortune, they induge in a hospitable, splendid, and expensive style of being. Large dinner parties, in preference to public amusements, form the nurite recreation. Serampore, 12 miles above Calcutta, is a neat, thriving town, at which is a Danish settlement. This place is interesting as the seat a Baptust Existionaries, who have distinguished themselves by such learned

Bombay, the capital of Western India, is situated on a small island connected by an artificial causeway with the larger one of Sciente. In 1661, it was coded by the Portuguese to Charles II., as part of queen Catherine's portion; two or

labours in the pious task of translating the Scriptures into all the

three years after, a settlement was established, and in 1686, the chief seat of English trade was transferred thither from Surat. Since that time, Hombay, notwithstanding considerable vicissitudes, has continued on the whole in a state of constant increase, and has become the great emporium of Western India, with a population of \$30,000. Of these, about 9000 are Parsees, the most wealthy of the inhabitants, and by whom its prosperity is mainly supported. There are also Jews, Mahometans, and Portuguese, in considerable numbers; but the Hindoos comprise three-fourths of the whols.

Madras, situated on the west coast of the peninsula, is the capital of the presidency of Madras: It has no harbour; but a mere road, through which runs a strong current, and which is often exposed to dangerous winds. On the beight breaks so strong and continual a surf, that only a peculiar species of large light boats, the thin planks of which are sewed together with the tough grass of the country, can, by the dexterous management of the natives, be rowed across it. For the conveyance, also, of letters and messages, they employ what is called a catamaran, consisting merely of two planks fastened together, with which they encounter the roughest seas with wonderful address, and, when swept off by the waves, regain it by swimming. The city has a handsome appearance from the sea, and many of its streets are spacious. The population is about 300,000.

Surat, on the Gulf of Cambay, and about 170 miles north of Bombay, at the first arrival of Europeans, was the greatest emporium of India, but it now ranks second both to Calcutta and Bombay. The population is estimated at 157,000. It has suffered by the British having established the chief seat of their commerce at Bombay. It still carries on some manufactures of silks, brocades, and fine cotton stuffs. The exporting of raw cotton to Bombay is now its chief trade. This city contains a few opulent merchants, chiefly Banians and Parsees. The former carry to a great extent all the peculiarities of their religion, and manifest in a peculiar degree their tenderness for animal life, by erecting hospitals for birds, monkeys, and other animals accounted sacred.

Benares, the Mccca of the Hindoos, stands on the left bank of the Ganges, about 900 miles from the Gulf of Bengal. It may be said to form the grand depository of the religion and learning of this vast country. Its sacred character, which is supposed to ensure the salvation of all who die within its precincts, cannot fail, in a nation devoted to pilgrimage, of rendering Benares a scene of extensive and crowded resort. Its population amounts to 630,000. According to Bishop Heber, it is certainly the richest, as well as probably the most populous city in the peninsula. Benares, in fact, presents a more lofty and imposing aspect than any other Indian city. Its houses, instead of being a mere collection of mud and straw huts, are most of them built of brick, and some of them five or six stories high; so that they make a very magnificent appearance, and often containing from 150 to 200 individuals each. The city contains a great number of temples and mosques, as well as a Hindoo sanscrit and an English college. The latter has about 150 pupils.

Lucknow, the principal city in Oude, was, while the nabobs of that state were in full power, one of the most splendid in India: the population in 1800 was estimated at upwards of 300,000, but is said to have diminished since that time. It contains several mosques and palaces with gilded domes, which give it an imposing appearance at a distance. It is situated on the Goomty, a branch of the Ganges.

On the banks of the Jumna, is found, mouldering in decay, the city of Delhi. It was, in early times, a great Hindoo metropolis, under the name of Indraput; but Shah Jehan, in the middle of the seventeenth century, made it the chief seat of Mogul dominion, and such it afterwards continued. Here, in 1806, died Shah Allum, the last of that mighty dynasty who could be said to enjoy any portion of real empire. His son Akbar is still allowed by the British to bear that great name, and to receive a considerable proportion of the revenues of the province, which enables him to live in some splendour. What remains of Delhi is still rather a handsome city; the streets, though narrow, contain many good houses, built of brick, and partly of stone. Here are the remains of a number of splendid palaces; and the city is adorned with many beautiful mosques, still in good repair. During the reign of Aurengaebe, it was computed to contain 2,000,000 inhabitants; at

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present it is only one-tenth of that number. In 1739, Delhi was plundered by Nadir Shah, when 100,000 of the inhabitants were massacred, and plunder to the amount of £62,000,000 was collected.

Dacca was the capital of Bengal in the reign of Jehungire, and is still a very

Ducca was the capital of Bengal in the reign of Jehungire, and is still a very large city. It contains 200,000 inhabitants, displays no particular splendour, but is the seat of a great trade. It stands on the Boor Gunga, or old Ganges, 100 miles from the sea, and 150 north-east from Calcutta.

The city of Cashmere, the largest in the Seik dominions, contained in 1836, 40,000 inhabitants: it stands on the Jylum, in the most northern part of Hindoostan, and is noted for its manufactures of the finest shawls in the world. The beauty of its situation has also been widely celebrated, particularly its lake, studded with numberless islands, green with gardens and groves, and having its backs any income with villes and organization of the standard grounds.

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Hyderabad, 400 miles south-east from Bombay, the capital of the prevince of the same name, may be considered also the present capital of the Decoan, the removal of the Nizam thither from Aurungabad having attracted to it a population of about 190,000. Though not a fine city, Hyderabad contains some handsome mosques; and the Nizam maintains, on a smaller scale, a semblance of Mogul pomp. He has large magazines filled to the ceiling with fine cloths, watches, porcelain, and other ornamental articles presented to him by European embassies. Poonah resembles a huge village rather than a city; the houses are irregularly built, chiefly of slight brick walls, by which even the palace is entirely enclosed. For resisting the violent rains, these structures depend chiefly on interior timber frames: they are painted with innumerable representations of the Hindoo Pantheon. The markets are plentifully supplied with provisions of every kind. Poonah is now included in the British territory, and attached to the presidency of Bombay. It is about 80 miles south-east from the city of that name. Population, 110,000.

Some of the other important cities in Hindoostan are Lahore, the capital of the Seik dominions, with a population of 100,000; Umritair, the holy city of the same people, and the seat of their great national council, containing a population of 100,000; Tattah, the chief city of Sinde, and Hyderabad, the capital of the same province: these are both on the Indus: the former contains about 20,000 inhabitants, and was once a very great manufacturing and commercial place. Katmandoo, the capital of Nepaul.

CEYLON.

CEVLON, lying to the south of Hindoostan, from which it is separated by the Strait of Manar, is a large and beautiful island, about 300 miles in length and 160 in breadth: it is traversed in the interior by a range of mountains, one of which, Adam's Peak, is 6152 feet in height: here the Cingalese and Hindoos worship the colossal footsteps of Adam, who, as they believe, was created on this mountain; and, according to the religion of Boodha, is Boodha himself. This island produces cinnamon, for which it is famous: also rice, cotton, ginger, coffee, pepper, to. A great variety of precious stones are found here,—the diamond, ruby, amethyst, &c.: also, quicksilver, lead, iron, and tin. A pearl-fishery is carried on along the western coast and in the Strait of Manar, which was formerly important, but is now declining.

The inhabitants are estimated at about 1,300,000 in number, and comprise—

1. The Cingalese, similar to the Hindoos: these form the majority of the people;

2. The Beddahs, rude savages, who inhabit the wildest tracts in the interior;

3. The Dutch and Portuguese, descendants of the former masters of the island;

and 4. The English residents and military. Many churches and schools have been established by both English and American missionaries, at which numbers of the natives attend, and are gradually laying asids their gross errors and super
stitions, and acquiring a knowledge of the benign doctrines of Christianity.

Ceylon is a colony independent of the East India Company, being under the immediate control of the crown.

Colombe, on the west coast of the island, is the seat of government and of almost all the foreign trade. It owes this advantage to its situation in the midst of the most fertile and productive territory in the island; population, 32,000. Trincomalee, Point de Galle, Jafrapatam, and Condatchy, are all places of some note. Kandy, the interior capital, is only a large straggling village, surrounded by wooded hills, that echo continually with cries of wild animals.

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LACCADIVE AND MALDIVE ISLANDS.

Warr and south-west from the southern part of India, the Leccadive and Maldive Islands extend, in a direction nearly north and south, a distance of about 1000 miles in length: the former are about 200 miles west from the Malabar coast, and the latter 300 to 350 south-west from Cape Comorin.

The Laccadives are said to be 32 in number, all of them small and covered with trees. The inhabitants are mostly Mahometans, called Moplays: they trade to the nearest coast of India, and also to Muscat, in large boats taking there cocce-nut oil, cable and cordage, and dried fish; receiving in return, dates, coffee, &c. Ambergris is often found floating off these islands.

The Maldives are, it is said, 1000 in number; but they are, for the most part, uninhabited. The natives appear to be a mixture of Arabs and Indians of Malabar: they supply vessels with cocca-nuts, oil and honey, dried fish, tortoise-shell, and cowries. The islands are divided into 17 attollons, or provinces, each governed by a chief: the whole are under the control of a king, who rules despotically. They have four sea-ports, in which their few articles of commerce are collected.

CHIN INDIA.

CHIN INDIA, or FURTHER INDIA, comprises that extensive region situated between India and China, and sometimes called Indo China, and also India beyond the Ganges; its inhabitants have but little in common with the Hindoos or Chinese; and although this region has had but a small share in the great transactions of which Asia has been the theatre, yet it comprises several extensive and important kingdoms, some of which have been alternately united and separated.

It may be divided into the British territories, ceded in consequence of the late successful war, the empire of Birmah, the kingdom of Siam, the empire of Anam, or Cochin China, and lastly, the Peninsula of Malaya, or Malacca. The whole region is bounded on the west by Hindoostan, the Bay of Bengal, and the Strait of Malacca; north by Thibet and China; and east by the China and Malayan Seas. It extends from 2° to 26° north latitude, and from 92° to 106° east longitude; a distance, from north to south, of 1700, and from east to west about 1000 miles. It contains an area of nearly 1,000,000 square miles, and is inhabited by a population, composed of various races, amounting, according to the estimates of the latest writers on the subject, to over 15,000,000 souls, apportioned among the different States as follows, viz:

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British Territorie	8		113,800	1,595,200
Birmah		*****		5,000,000
Siam			180,000	2,730,000
Anam	*********		350,000	6,000,000
Malayan States .				100,000
	Total.		993 800	15 495 900

The surface of this great territory is formed by a series of mountain ranges, running from north to south, between each of which intervenes a broad valley, in general very fertile, and watered by a large river, descending from the mountains

of China and Thibet. The rivers are mostly of great importance. The waddy, or river of Ava, is navigable many hundred miles for large boats. Salwen, or Thaluon, is also a large stream, though but little known. The Mecon, or Cambodia, is navigable twenty days' sail from the ocean. The Menan, which waters Siam, after a course of 800 miles enters the Gulf of Siam by three channels, the most easterly admitting vessels of the first magnitude. The outline of this region is very irregular, being deeply indented by the large Gulfs of Siam and Tonquin and the Bay of Martaban.

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The government of all these kingdoms, in principle, at least, is a pure despotism; in which no constitutional check on the authority of the monarch is recognised. The state officers compose a sort of council of state, but entirely subject to the monarch, and removable at his pleasure. The nobles, especially in Siam, show the most profound submission, and approach the throne in the most abject manner, lying prostrate on their faces, and creeping on the ground. The king has many pompous titles, but that of shoe, or golden, is the one most valued, and

which must be applied to him on every occasion.

The military strength of these nations consists almost entirely of a feudal militia, for which all males of a certain age are enrolled, and may be called upon to serve under the chiefs of their respective districts. Their arms are mostly swords, lances, and cross-bows; though they have collected a considerable number of fire-arms; but these, being chiefly the muskets condemned in the English areenals, cannot, by the most anxidus exertions of art and skill, be brought into a serviceable state. 'The only exception is in Cochin-China, where the European officers in the king's service have effected considerable improvements. But the most efficient part of the establishment consists in the war-boats, destined to act on the great rivers which form the main channels of communication in all these king-

On land, the Birmans and Siamese trust chiefly to their stockades, which they throw up with surprising skill and expedition. In general, however, none of these troops can stand the charge of a disciplined army, but, as soon as their defences are penetrated, they take to flight with precipitation. In Cochin-China only a regular army has been organised and trained in the European manner: this force, in 1800, was estimated at 140,000 men; but is supposed at present not to exceed 50,000, of whom the royal guards amount to 30,000.

The productive capacities of this region are very ample. It yields all the grand staples of tropical produce. The principal culture consists of rice, sugar of fine quality, pepper, and cotton. The sides of the great ranges of hills are covered with luxuriant timber of various species and great value. There are large forests of teak, a wood now found to be preferable, from its strength and durability, to any other, for the purposes of ship-building. Large boats are often cut out from a single tree, and a great quantity of teak timber is now produced for the supply of the naval arsenals of Evitish India. Stick lac and gamboge are among the chief articles of export; also, areca-nut and betel-leaf, that universal article of luxury and ceremony in all Indian countries. Cardamoms are a spice for which a large market is found in China, and there is some cinnamon in Cam-

bodia; but in general these regions are not productive of the finer species.

Cultivation is very generally diffused, and is conducted in the west on the Indian model, and in the east on the Chinese; but it is not practised in the same perfection, or with the same patient industry, as by either of these nations. The sugar and pepper of Siam are chiefly raised by Chinese settlers. Domestic animals are little used in cultivation, and in Ava the Brahminical principle prevents them from being made articles of food. Animals are tamed chiefly for conveyance or pomp; and for these purposes the elephant, here found in greater perfection, and more highly prized, than in any other country in the world, is chiefly em-

Manufactures exist only on a limited scale, and in a rude form; the raw materials which the country affords being worked up mostly by the family itself for domestic use. Those brilliant and beautiful fabrics which are the boast of China and Hindoostan are not produced here, and the quantity used is imported from those countries, especially from the latter. The only fabrication on which much study is bestowed is that of idols, which are fashioned out of a fine species of marble found in the country, and generally gilded.

The commerce of these countries is also limited. Their chief intercourse is with China, and consists in the exchange of their raw produce, rice, cotton, timber, ornamented woods, varnishes, for some species of the fine manufactures of that great empire. The cotton and other products of the Birman empire are carried up the Irrawaddy to a great jee, or market, in the frontier province of Yunnan. Britain takes of teak timber to the amount of about 200,000k; in return for which some British manufactures are received. The trade of Siam and Cochin-China is chiefly carried on by Chinese junks coming to the port of Bankok in the former country, and those of Turon, Hué, and Saigong, in the latter. There is also some trade with the rising British settlement at Sincapore.

The people by whom all this territory is inhabited present several peculiarities of external form. Their persons are short, robust, active, but devoid of the grace and flexibility peculiar to the Hindoo. Their face, flat, with high cheek-bones, presents the form of a lozenge, and never suggests any idea of beauty. The hair is abundant, black, lank, and coarse; but the beard is scanty, and universally plucked out, which gives them an effeminate appearance. The Birmans appear to be an active and intelligent people, possessing in this respect a decided superiority over the Hindoos. The Siamese are said to be aluggish and indolent, destitute of courage, candour, and good faith; and so imbued with national pride, that foreign residents cannot obtain a servant to perform for them the most menial offices.

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The religion of these countries, like all others in the east of Asia, is derived from Hindoostan; yet, like the rest also, it consists not in the Brahminical doc-trine, but in the rival system of Buddha. The name, however, most venerated in all the countries beyond the Ganges is Gaudama, either another appellation of Buddha, or that of one of his most popular disciples. The construction of temples of all these nations is directed. Frugal and indolent in everything else, they spare neither cost nor labour on this object. The priests of this religion, as in all the other branches of the worship of Buddha, are monks, residing in the temples, and living in a state of celibacy. In Ava, they are called rhabans; in Siam, talapoins; but in the latter country they are bound by no vows, and may quit the order whenever they please; and it is so common to assume and leave the profession, that almost every man has been a talapoin for some part of his life, even if only for a few days. Great part of their time is spent in insignificant and even absurd ceremonies; yet their ministration is useful in several respects. They instruct the children in reading, and so diligently, that few in the Birman territory are ignorant in this respect. Literature is by no means unknown or reglected in The Birman language is a compound of several tongues, the com-Farther India, plication of which is greatly increased by the mode of writing; the words, according to Mr. Judson, not being fairly divided and distinguished, as in Western writing, by breaks, points, and capitals, but run together in one continuous line, a sentence or paragraph seeming to the eye but one long word; and instead of clear characters on paper, we find only obscure scratching on dried palm-leaves strung together and called a book. In the royal library, however, the writing is beautiful, on thin leaves of ivory, and the margins ornamented with flowers of gold. The books are kept in gilded and japanned chests. The contents of each are written on the lid, in gold letters. The bulk of the works were said to be on divinity; but history, music, medicine, painting, and romance, had also their separate treatises.

The customs of these countries allow to the female sex a much greater measure of liberty than in almost any other country of the East. They are neither immured nor veiled, nor withdrawn from the company and conversation of the other sex. This freedom, however, is not accompanied with any disposition to allow them that place in the scale of society which justly belongs to them. They

are treated as the mere alaves of the stronger sex; all the laborious duties are de-volved upon them, and they manage most of the transactions of buying and selling.

The habitations in these countries are of slight materials, but commodious. Bamboos fixed in the ground, and tied horizontally with strips of rattan, compose the outline, and serve as the supports of the building. Covered with mats they form the walls, and with grass the roof. A specious mansion can be built in a day, and a tolerable one in four hours.

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This territories ceded to Britain by Birmah consist of Assam, with some appended territory; the former kingdom of Arracan; the provinces of Martaban, Yeb, Tavoy, and Mergui, extending along the western coast of the Malayan perinsula, and of Malacca itself.

Assam is an extensive and somewhat rude territory, to the north of Ava, and the east of Bengal. It is pordered on the north by lofty ranges of mountains continued from the Himmaleh, and watered by numerous rivers, of which the principal is the Burrampooter. A great part of its surface possesses a luxuriant fertility; yet the rudeness of the inhabitants renders the gifts of nature fruitless, so that nine-tenths of its surface consist of desert and jungle. A considerable quantity of gold, however, is found in the sands of its rivers, and, combined with elephants' teeth and coarse silk, affords a certain value for exportation.

Arracan reaches along nearly the whole eastern coast of the Bay of Bengal, an extent of about 500 miles, and consists of a narrow plain closely bounded by a high mountain range. The cultivation of this territory being imperfect, it is not supposed to contain more than 280,000 inhabitants. Arracan, the capital, at the mouth of the river of the same name, is a considerable city, and the seat of some trade. A new and improving station has been formed by the British at Akyab.

The Malayan provinces extend along the eastern coast of that peninsula, where it continues to border on the Bay of Bengal, and have been long a debateable ground between the Birman and Siamese empires. They are in consequence thinly inhabited, but they possess the finest and most salubrious climate to be found, not only in this empire, but in any part of the East Indies. Amherst, lately founded at the month of the Salwen, which forms the boundary between this ter-zitory and the Birman empire, will, it is expected, become the seat of an impor-

The territory and city of Malacca, at the southern point of the peninsula, was, in 1825, ceded by the Dutch to England, in exchange for her possessions in Sumatra. It was one of the earliest settlements of the Portuguese, and continued for a long time to be a great emporium of the trade of the Oriental islands, as well as a place of refreshment for vessels bound to China; but since Prince of Walea' Island and Singapore, under the protecting sway of Britain, have risen to their present importance, the port of Malacca is much less frequented. It has, however, a safe roadstead; a salubrious climate, cooled by a succession of sea and land breezes; with some industry and sultivation, carried on chiefly by Chinese.

Population, in 1839, 18,190.

The following estimate has been made of the extent and population of the British territories in Further India:

A.	Sq. Miles.	Population.
Assum, with dependencies	54,000	 602,500
Arracan, Jynteah Cachar	26,500	 570,000
Provinces south of the Salwan, Tavoy, Yeh, Marta-		
ban, and Tenasserim, with the Mergui Isles	32,500	 85,000
Malacca	800	 37,700
Total	113,800	 1,595,900

EMPIRE OF BIRMAH.

Tan Birman empire is formed into two important divisions; Pegue, once its rival, but now its subject kingdom, which comprises all the sea-coast and the mouths of the rivers; Ava or Birmah, occupying the upper valley of the Irrawaddy, and the present seat of the ruling power. Pegue is a sort of delta, entirely traversed by the alluvial branches of the Irrawaddy, Pegue, and Salwen rivers. Its valleys are of extreme fertility, and particularly productive of rice; so that it serves as a sort of granary to the empire. It has also spacious forests, abounding in teak, which requires a soil at once moist and rich. Ava consists of a plain of less extent, closely hemmed in by mountains, and by no means of equal fertility; but it is also well cultivated, abounds in timber, and its brave and hardy inhabitants have generally held in their hands the supremacy over both nations. The two great divisions of Birmah are subdivided into seven provinces.

The empire was formerly much more powerful than at present, and so high an opinion was entertained by the Birmans of their provess in war, that one of the chief men assured an English agent, that had his master been properly solicited, he would have sent an army to give the English possession of France. In 1824, war was commenced by the Birmans against the East India Company, which ended, two years afterwards, by the emperor ceding to the company nearly all the provinces on the Bay of Bengal, and paying between 4 and 5 millions of dollars towards defraying the expenses of the war.

It was during the above contest that Mr. Judson, an American missionary, was imprisoned at Ava, where he suffered the greatest distress. This was alleviated by the affectionate courage of his wife, whose devotion to the cause of piety and humanity, amid the greatest dangers and trials, affords one of the most interesting narratives ever published.

Besides the Avans and Peguans, there are several other races in Birmah, as Yiens, Shans, Karens, &c. Among the latter the American missionaries in Maulmein, Chumerah, and the vicinity, have established churches and schools, which are attended by the natives, many of whom have exchanged their dark superstitions for the pure light of the gospel.

Rangoon, the grand emporium of the empire, is situated on one of the branches of the Irrawaddy river, and extends for nearly a mile along the water. The population, about 40,000, is composed in a great measure of foreigners from all the countries of the East, and of all religions, who have been encouraged to settle here by the liberal policy of the Birman government. The exchange presents a motley and confused assemblage of Mahometans, Parsees, Armenians, and all the commercial nations of this quarter.

The other sea-ports are Basseen and Martaban, the latter on the Salwen, and the former on the western estuary of the Irrawaddy. They are much inferior in trade to Rangoon. On ascending that river towards the capital, numerous towns and villages occur. Of the former, some of the chief are Prome, Meesday, Patanagoh, Sembewghew, and Pagham-Mew. Prome, the ancient frontier of Ava and Pegue, and at one time the residence of the Pegue kings, carries on a great trade in timber, and is said to be more populous than Rangoon. Pagham-Mew, the ancient and splendid capital of Birmah at a time when a higher taste in architecture appears to have prevailed than at the present day, abounds with magnificent remains of temples and royal edifices.

Ava, on the Irrawaddy, 500 miles from the sea, has been the capital since 1824, and is said to contain a population of 300,000. The former restropolis, Umerapoora, though but lately a splendid city, is already much decayed; its inhabitants, which, 20 years ago, were reckoned at 200,000, at present amount only to 30,000.

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SIAM lies at the head of the gulf of the same name; its interior details are known only to a limited extent. The kingdom includes Siam proper, part of Lace, the district of Santebon, adjoining to and once a part of Cambodia, and that portion of the peninsula of Malacca extending southward to about 8° north lati-tude, and from thence to the north-west to as far as the 21st degree of north latitude, or about 1100 miles. Its chief river, the Menam, is deep and navigable for some distance in the interior: its banks are well cultivated, and are amazingly fertile. A commercial treaty between this country and the United States was some time since effected.

The late capital, Siam, or Juthia, is on the Menam river, 100 miles from the sea; it is in a state of decay. Bankok, the present seat of government, is on the same stream, but lower down: it may be regarded almost as a city floating on the water. The bulk of the houses are merely oblong boxes, which can be floated about from place to place, and are inhabited chiefly by Chinese. The shores of the Menam are covered with numerous palaces and gilded temples, and with the habitations of the grandees, which are raised on posts above the ground, which is so swampy as to render it almost impossible to walk or drive through the streets. The travelling is chiefly on the river, in richly ornamented barges. The inhabitants are 90,000 in number, of whom one-half are Chinese or their descendants. Several American missionaries have visited this place, whose efforts in teaching and spreading the Gospel have been generally encouraging.

MALACCA, OR MALAYA.

The peninsula of Malacca is the most southern part of Asia; it is 775 miles in length, and from 65 to 145 in breadth. A range of mountains extends through its whole length, and the interior is covered with thick woods and marshes. Its rivers are numerous, but are short in their length of course. The soil is not very fertile, yet fruits are produced in great abundance. The northern districts are under the control of Siam, and the southern of Great Britain. The intermediate portions are occupied by a number of small independent States. The principal of which are Ligor Songora, Patani, Queda, Tringano, Pera, Pahang, and Salangore.

The inhabitants are Malays, who are by turns merchants, pirates, and robbers: their vessels traverse all the Oriental seas, and piracy has long been with them as regular an employment as commerce. The most daring attempts are often made by the Malays to capture vessels of superior force; but, of late years, their piracies have become less frequent.

Singapore, the principal emporium of this region, is on a small island of the same name, at the southern extremity of Malacca. It was founded by the British in 1819, and, being declared a free port, is visited by the vessels of all the nations who trade in these seas. The imports and exports are each about \$7,000,000 annually. The inhabitants have doubled since 1828, and are now 30,000 in number, comprising Europeans, Americans, Malays, Chinese, Arabs, Jews, Hindoos, and Bugis, or natives of Celebes. There is here an important missionary and printing establishment, where books in various eastern languages are published.

Pulo Pinang, or Prince of Wales's island, is 16 miles long, and is situated in the Straits of Malacca. It was established by the East India Company in 1786, and soon acquired importance as a commercial depôt for the neighbouring disand soon sequent importance as a commercial depot for the neighbournes tricts. George-Town is the chief settlement. Population of the island, in 1836, 38,450. On the main land of Malacca, opposite, is the province of Wellesley, a narrow strip of territory, 35 miles long by 4 wide. Area 120 square miles. Population, in 1836, 47,555, chiefly Malays. It is attached to the government of Pulo Pinang. Westward from Malacca about 300 or 400 miles, are the Nicobar and Andaman

Isles: they are both in the possession of the natives. Those of the former group are of the brown or Malay race, and are peaceable and well disposed. The Andaman islanders am a variety of the Oriental negroes, and appear to be among the most degraded beings in existence. They go quite naked, never cultivate the ground, but live on fish, which they spear with great dexterity. The English attempted to form settlements on the Andsman and the Danes on the Nicobar Islands; but both were abandoned, on account of the sickliness of the climate. The latter still belong, at least nominally, to Demmark.

EMPIRE OF ANAM.

The empire of Anam comprises Cochin-China, Cambodia, Tonquin, T'siampa or Chiampa, and part of Laos, extending from north to south 1000, and from east to west 300 to 400 miles. Of these, Tonquin and Cambodia were recently conquered by Caung Shung, the late king, who, from his attachment to the Europeans, was induced to organize and discipline an army in the Europeans, with a navy of three hundred gun-boats and a frigate, constituted a force which no native state in this part of Asia could withstand.

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Cochin-China comprises a long plain, included between the sea and a chain of mountains, a short distance inland: it is tolerably fertile in the usual products of these regions. Both the agriculture and trade are carried on chiefly by the women. The sea-coast abounds with gelatinous animals, and furnishes the edible birds'

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Hué, the capital of Anam and of Cochin-China, is about ten miles from the sea, on a river of the same name, the banks of which are fertile and well cultivated. In ascending the river to the city, the view of numerous and apparently comfortable villages enlivens the scene. Hué consists of a large quadrangular fort, or rather fortified city, which constitutes one of the most complete and remarkable military structures in Asia. Each is about a mile and a half in length, the rampart about thirty feet high, cased with brick and mortar. It is built in the regular European style, with bastions, a glacis 200 feet broad, and a ditch. An hundred thousand men were constantly employed on the works, during the period of their construction, and 1200 cannon were mounted on the walls. It is supposed that 40,000 troops would be required to garrison the place. Here also the king keeps his fleet of galleys. Population, 60,000.

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Turon, on a fine bay, is situated to the south of Hué. Sinhoa, north of the same city, Tai-fo, Bambom, Quinhon, Phuyen, and Nha-triang, all south of Hué, are sea-ports which are seldom visited by Europeans, and are but little known.

CAMBODIA.

Cambodia, the south-west division of Anam, stretches from north to south, full 500 miles, and has a sea-coast of about the seme extent, lying along the Malayan sea and the gulf of Siam, which is in general low and flat, and overgrown with wood. The country is inhabited by a mixture of Cochin-Chinese, Malays, Chinese, and Portuguese. The trade, except at the port of Saigon, is unimportant.

Sargon, or Luk-nooi, the capital of Cambodia, is situated near the mouth of the river Donnui, which communicates with the Mecon, the great river of this region, by means of a canal of some magnitude. Sargon is composed of the two contiguous towns of Sargon proper, and Bengeh. The latter, which is fortified, is the residence of the viceroy; the former is the chief theatre of the trade and commerce of the place. The inhabitants are supposed to amount to 180,000, of whom 10,000 are Chinese. The markets are plentifully supplied with native products and those of the neighboring countries. The manufactured articles are chiefly of the latter description, and scarcely any European goods are to be seen. There is a superb naval arsenal formed under European direction, and which from the very fine timber of the country, has produced 150 galleys of the most beautiful construction.

TONQUIN.

Tonquin, of the three kingdoms now subject to the sway of Cochin-China, is the largest, most fruitful, and most valuable. Its character is still more decidedly Chinese than that of the others; and indeed, it was only is the eighteenth century that it separated from that empire, retaining all its forms and institutions. Both the English and Dutch have attempted to open an intercourse with Tonquin, where fine and cheap silks, lackered-ware, and some gold may be obtained; but the arbitrary exactions of the mandarins, and the little demand for foreign cloths, in consequence of costumes fixed by law being worn by all ranks, rendered it a locus traffic, and it has been almost wholly abandoned. Kesho, situated about 20 miles from the mouth of the river Songo, is the chief city of Tonquin, and is said by some to contain 40,000 inhabitants; other accounts represent it as three or four times more populous; according to M'Culloch, 150,000.

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T'SIAMPA.

T'siampa, or Chiampa, is a small district nominally under the control of the king of Cochin-Chine, and lying to the southward of that country; the climate is very hot and unhealthy for strangers; it is said to be fertile, and its productions the same as Cambodia. It abounds with elephants and also with the rhinoceros.

LAOS

Lace, situated on both sides of the Mecon, or Cambodia river, is a country of some extent, but little known, never having been visited by any European. Part of it is subject to Siam, part to Cochin-China, and the residue independent. Some time ago the king of Laos was taken prisoner by the Siamese, and carried, with his children, in a cage to Bankok, and several thousands of the inhabitants were forcibly taken to the same place. Elephants, both wild and tame, are extremely numerous in Laos; and the capital of the country is designated by a term which signifies the place of ten millions of elephants. The people of Laos are called Shans. Yun-shan and Lowa-shan are districts lying north-west from Laos, known only by name to Europeans. The people and language, as well as those of Laos and Assam, are said to be essentially the same as the Siamese.

THIBET.

THESET forms a high table plain, surrounded on all sides by ranges of lofty mountains, some of which are among the most elevated on the globe: it is bounded on the north by Mongolia; west by Little Thibet; south by Hindoostan and Birmah; and east by China. On the southern boundary are the Himmaleh Mountains; on the northern the Kuenlun and the Tshoungling, or Blue Mountains; and on the sets are those called the Yungoling and Paling.

on the east are those called the Yung-ling and Pe-ling.

Besides its grand mountain features, Thibet is distinguished as containing the sources of many of the greatest rivers: Asia. The Burrampooter, Irrawaddy, and Salwen, flowing into the Bay of Bengal: the Mecon, the great river of Cambodia, and the greatest of Chinese streams, the Hoang Ho and Yang-tse Kiang, all have their sources within its borders. The lakes Manasarowara and Rawan Hrad, are picturesque and striking, and surrounded by some of the loftiest snow-covered recks of the Himmaleh, and which are held by the Himdoos in religious veneration: and there are also the Lake of Terkerri, 70 miles long, Lake Tousea and

Let eral others, respecting which no further particulars are yet known.

The climate of Thibet is cold and bleak in the extreme, from the severe effects of which the inhabitants are obliged to seek refuge in the sheltered valleys and hollows, or amidst the warmest aspects of the rocks. In the temperature of the seasons, however, a remarkable uniformity prevails, as well as in their periodical duration and return.

The mineral productions of this region are numerous. Gold is found in great quantities and very pure; sometimes in the form of gold dust, in the beds of the rivers, and sometimes in large masses and irregular veins. There is a lead mine

about two days' journey from Teeshoo Loomboo, which probably contains eilver. Cinnabar, abounding in quicksilver, rock-salt, and tincal, or crude borax, are likewise among the mineral productions of this country; the last is found in inexhaustible quantities.

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The manufactures of Thibet are principally shawls and woollen cloth. The exports, which go chiefly to China and Bengal, consist of gold-dust, diamonds, pearl, coral, musk, rock-selt, woollen cloth, and lamb-skins: in return for which, silk, satin, gold and silver brocade, tea, tobacco, and furs of various kinds, are received from China; and from Bengal, the productions of that country, and a variety of English commodities and manufactures.

The people are rather stout and hardy and of a ruddy complexion, for the mountain breezes bestow health and vigour. They are of various distinct tribes, little known. The language is the same which is used on the frontiers of China.

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The people of Thillet have made some progress towards civilization, but the sciences are neglected. The literature is chiefly connected with the religion, and, together with the language, is of Hindoo origin. The houses are meanly constructed, and built of rough stones, with a few apertures to admit light. Mutton forms a common article of food; and tea is a favourite beverage. The people may, in general, be described as mild and gentle, and, though sunk in superstitions, free from many of the sanguinary customs of the Hindoos.

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The Thibetians are said to reverse the general practice of the east in polygramy; though it is probably related without much foundation, that wives are permitted to have several husbands. The dead are buried, burned, thrown into a stream, or exposed in the open air to be devoured by beasts.

Thibet is remarkable as the chief seat of a religion which prevails over a large portion of Central Asia. The system is that known under the title of Buddha, its founder, and of the Lama, its sovereign head; while in China the same worship is denominated that of Fo, and in Tartary is called Shamanism. It had its origin in Hindcostan, though now nearly expelled thence by the rival system of Brahma; from which it is generally supposed to have separated as a schism, though others conceive it to have been the parent superstition. The doctrine of transmigration is alike held under both religions; but in that of Buddha it is converted from a speculative belief into a powerful engine of practical influence. As soon as the Lama dies, the priests, by supposed celestial indications, discover an infant into whom his soul is supposed to have transmigrated. This person is immediately exalted into the character of Lama, and in his name all the civil and ecclesiastical affairs of the state are administered; and such is the sanctity attached to his character, that it is pretended a heavenly odour is exhaled from his whole body; that flowers grow beneath his footsteps; and that in the most parched desert springs flow at his command. In Thibet and the bordering regions of Tartary, every great district has its Lama; but the chief of these spritual sovereigns is the Grand Lama, who resides at Lassa; next to him is the Teshoo Lama, resident at Teshoo Loomboo.

As the sovereignty centres in the Lama, so the nobility is formed by the monkes called jelums or gylongs. The monastic principle exists under the Buddhist system in its utmost rigour, accompanied by the same usages of seclusion and celibacy which distinguish it in the Catholic church. These habits being adopted by the most celebrated characters both in church and state, the idea of dignity is exclusively centred in them, and those of degradation and vulgarity are attached to marriage. The priests reside in large mansions, much the handsomest in the country, and uniting the character of convents and palaces. The modes in the villages bordering on India are represented as a dirty, gressy, good-numoured, happy class of persons, who do not think it inconsistent with their vocation to carry on a good deal of worldly traffic. In the great central establishment, more dignity of character is preserved, and the obligations imposed by their situation appear to be strictly regarded. On the whole, their deportment is represented as humane and obliging; on the part of superiors unassuming, and respectful on that of inferiors.

The ceremonies of the Buddhist religion bear a striking resemblance to those

of the Catholic, inspectab that many of the missionaries found it scarcely possible to discover any distinct of the This has even been ascribed by some to a mixture with the votaries of the Nestorian heresy, which was spread through the East. A favourite part of the service consists of music, less remarkable for its harmony than for the employment of every means of raising as great a noise as possible. The priests assume the whole business of prayer. They sell a certain number of prayers, which are written out and attached to the cylinder of a mill, and every turn is supposed to constitute a valid prayer. Some are moved by water.

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Notwithstanding the difference between the religious of this country and Hindoostan, many of the temples of Thibet are crowded with Hindoo idea; and the seats of Indian pilgrimage, particularly Benares, Juggarnaut, and Sagur, are developed the seats of the Jamas and the seats of the Grand Lama. On their part, the Rindoos pay a deep religious veneration to the long snowy peaks and the lonely mountain lakes of this elevated neighbourhood. Among the former, Chumularee, on the Bootan frontier, and among the latter Manasarovara, hold the pre-

eminenco.

Lasse, the capital spiritual and temporal, "the Rome of Central Asia," is situated in the quest part of Thibet, an extended valley bordered by stupendous mountain ranges. The winters are severe, but from April to October, notwithstanding occasional cold blasts, the climate is warm; rice, the vine, and other fine fruits come to maturity. The city, independent of its chief ornament, which is the temple of Poctaia, is represented as bandsome and opulent. In the surrounding plain are twenty-two other at oples, all richly adorned, and of which those of Sera and Briseboung are described almost to rival Pootala. The entire number of priests and manks maintained as the expense of government is stated at 4,000. Lasse is the seat of the grand or sovereign Lama, from whom all the priests and sovereigns of that denomination, throughout Thibet and Tartary, receive their investiture. He maked, also, till lately, as the civil ruler of an extent of country about 300 miles in length, and composed of the best territory in this region; but the Chinese, after expelling the Nepaulese invaders, have established at Lassa a military commander and a civil governor, and virtually annexed it to their empire. They rule it, however, with a mild sway, leaving all the ecclesiastical institutions undisturbed, and in full possession of their ample endowments; and the tribute, conveyed by an annual embassy to Peking, is extremely moderat.

Tenhoo Loomboo is the seat of a Lama, second in rank to that of Pootala, but is rondered interesting to us by its close vicinity to the Bengal frontier, from which it is only separated by the mountain district of Bootan. About 400 mansions combine to form a large monastery, the walls of which are built of stone, the roofs of coloured wood, and crowned with numerous gilded canopies and turrets. According to the usual system, it is built under the shade of a high rock with a southern exposure, and looks down upon the great river Sanpoo, or Burrampooter, whose course is here diversified by numerous islands, through which it flows in deep and narrow channels. The number of monks and gylongs, the sole inhabit-

ants of this monastic capital, amounted, in 1788, to 8700.

LITTLE THIBET.

LITTLE THERT lies to the north of Hindoostan, south of Little Bucharia, east of Cashmere and Kaschgur, and west of Thibet, from which it is separated by the Kara Koorum ridge, a branch of the great Theorem ringe. It is a high and rugged region, surrounded on all sides by vast mountains, from which flow the

head streams of the Indus.

The chief town is Leh, or Ladak, situated on the river of the same name the point where, being joined by a river flowing in an opposite direction, a united streams take the name of the Indus. It is the seat of a considerable with being the chief place of transit for the garavans, on both sides of the later of the later of the later of the later of the Ladak River is Gortope, a great market for shawl wool, which is allowed

here from the adjoining districts, and sent from hence to Cashmere; it is situated in the midst of a wast plain covered with large flocks of sheen, costs, and wake.

in the midst of a vast plain covered with large flocks of sheep, goats, and yaks. About 100 miles to the south-east of Gortope, are the lakes of Rawan Hrad, and Manssarovara: the latter is an object of reverential pilgrimage from all parts of Hindoostan. The few who can overcome the tremendous obstacles encountered in the way, consider all their sins as forgiven, and an entrance into Paradise as secured. But little is known of this region: the inhabitants are said to be a Tartar race, whose religion is that of the Grand Lama. They appear to be subject to China.

CHINA.

This vast empire, containing the greatest amount of population, and perhaps also of wealth, united under one government, occupies a large portion of the south-east of Asia.

The Chinese empire, stretching from 18° to 56° of north latitude, and from 70° to 140° of east longitude, covers an area of about 5,350,000 square miles, or one-tenth of the whole land-surface of the eart. The population of this vast region, according to the most probable modern computation, is about 200,000,000, as follows:—(The Chinese state is as high as 375 millions.)

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Of this vast expanse of territory, China proper, Mantchooria, and the eastern part of Little Bucharia, form the political China of the imperial administration. The other regions are merely tributaries or protected states; the petty chiefs of Thibet, the country of Bootan, and the kingdoms of Corea and Loo Choo, belong to the latter class. The ruling race is the Mantchoo, which over-ran and subdued China near two centuries ago. The Mantchoo is the language of the court, and of a rich literature.

China proper, now exclusively under consideration, may be generally stated as extending from 20° to 41° north latitude, and from 101° to 122° of east longitude. This makes 1260 geographical miles in length, by 1050 miles in breadth. It is divided into eighteen provinces, the majority of which are in extent and population equal to some of the most powerful monarchies of Europe.

The face of the country is much diversified, though the greater part of it is level, intersected by numerous rivers, canals, and occasional mountain chains, of which one of the most important appears to be a continuation of the great Himmaleh range, extending eastward to the shores of the Pacific ocean. The rivers of China, the Hoang Ho and Yang-tse Kiang, rank among the most important in Asia; they both have their sources among the mountains of Thibet, and after a course of near 2000 miles, discharge their mighty waters into the ocean, separated by an interval of 160 miles. The principal lakes of China are the Tonting, about 300 miles in circumference, and covered with a numerous population who subsist by fishing; and the Poy-ang is surrounded by picturesque and finely wooded hills. The other lake are of much less magnitude.

The climate of China varies according to the situation of the places. Toward the north it is cold, in the middle mild, and in the south hot. The soil is, either by nature or ets. Suitful of everything that can minister to the necessities, conveniences, or liverzies of life. This country products all the fruits common to the tropical and temperate countries. The camphor, tainw, and cinnamon trees are common in the fields and gardens. The most celebrated production, however, is the tea plant, which grows wild, but is much improved by careful culture. It is a shrub 5 or 6 feet in height, producing leaves of different flavour, according to the soil. This is so extensively used in China, that although European and American

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lower the price in that country Chins produces, it is said, all the metals and minerals that are known in the world. White copper, called by the Chinese peton, is peculiar to that country; but we know of no extraordinary quality which it possesses. Tutenag is another peculiar metal. Their gold mines, therefore, are partially and slightly worked; and the currency of that metal is supplied by the grains which the people find in the sand of rivers and mountains. The silver specie is furnished from the mines

of Honan. Coal is abundant.

There is not, and perhaps never was, on the face of the earth, a government more purely and entirely despotic than the Chinese. No power, honor, or distinction exists, except that which centres in, and emanates from the sovereign. No distinctions are owned between man and man, except those conferred by office; and to these, the highest and the lowest are permitted equally to aspire. supreme power of the monarch is claimed for him as the representative of Deity

Although, however, the despotism of China is thus entirely raised above any direct and positive check, it is yet in practice the most mild and protecting of any that exists. The monarch is held within a circle of laws, institutions, and ideas, by transgressing which, he would lose the very basis on which his authority rests. The doctrine, that he is the son and vicegerent of Deity, implies that he will use this high descent and power in securing prosperity to the nation over whom he holds a higher than earthly sway; and this is so fully recognised, that, even when his people are suffering under evils of nature, famine, earthquake, or inundation, he takes the blame, humbles himself, fasts, and strips himself of his costly attire, as a penitent under whose sins his people are grouning. The paternal character equally implies an anxious concern for the welfare of his people, who, amid the veneration with which they view these relations, are not forgetful of the accompanying obligations, or indisposed to revolt when they suffer severely from the non-observance of them.

In this system, the fundamental, and, certainly, highly laudable maxim has been, to make knowledge the sole ground of official rank and public employment. The examinations for this purpose are conducted with the greatest apparent impartiality, and, as seems to be generally believed, with much real fairness. Strict precautions are adopted for this purpose; such as, that every piece of composition that is to be judged, must be given in sealed and anonymous.

The laws of China have been compiled not with any large or statesman-like views, but with a minute and elaborate care to lay down the various descriptions of offence, and apportion to each a suitable punishment. The cane is the grand instrument of government; and all China has been compared to a school, kept in awe by the rod of a master. For its application, the law specifies two distinct dimensions of length and thickness, and more pointedly fixes the number of blows to be inflicted on the offender. For crimes of a deeper die than those which the cane can chastise, banishment in different degrees is inflicted; and for those still

more flagrant, death is awarded.

The military force of China has been represented as amounting to about 800,000. The greater part are a mere militia, in which the population, when called upon, are liable to serve. Their appearance and habits are most unmilitary, and they are scarcely called out unless for purposes of police; to pursue robbers, and pass muster on state occasions. Their paper helmets, wadded gowns, quilt-ed petticoats, and clumsy satin boots, exhibit nothing of the aspect of war.

Its appears from ancient records that the Chinese and Tartars made use not

only of gunpowder, but even of something resembling cannon; but artillery does

not at present constitute any part of the effective force of the empire.

The Chinese government have very numerous barges, for the conveyance of tribute, and other accommodations; also a few armed vessels to prevent smuggling and piracy; but nothing which can be called a navy. An American frigate would heat the whole of their maritime force.

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No nation is so famed for industry, in all the arts that minister to human subsistence. The lands, in particular, which are at all capable of culture, are tilled with a minute care, without example among any other people. The peculiar importance attached to agriculture is testified by an annual festival, in which the emperor exhibits himself to his subjects guiding the plough. It is not, however, supported by any large application of skill, science, or capital. The Chinese carry on farming on a small scale, with rude instruments, and almost no cattle. Their chief exertions are employed in irrigating their fields; and by the aid of the chain pump, they draw water out of their numerous rivers and canals, and inundate the crops of rice as soon as they are sown. This is done twice a year, and two crops are in general raised annually, without intermission or rotation. The highest mountains are formed into terraces, so constructed as to retain the requisite quantity of water, and allow what is superfluous to pass; and reservoirs are formed on the summits.

As a manufacturing people, the Chinese are also eminent. The fabric of porcelain, so superior in beauty to every other species of earthenware, originated entirely with them; and, though the taste of their imitators in Europe has produced more elegant patterns, they are still unrivalled as to its whiteness, hardness, and the transparency of its colours; the materials of which they possess a peculiar art in extracting from a vast variety of animal, vegetable, and mineral substances. Silk also is a fabric which the western world has learned from the Chinese. A number, however, of little ornamented trinkets and toys are made with the simplest instruments, and by the hands of single individuals; yet with a beauty which we in vain attempt to rival. Such are their ivory fans and baskets; their ornaments of tortoise-shell and mother-of-pearl; their silver filigree and lackered cabinets, chests, &c. Their paper and printing are both good, and their ink, for some purposes, superior to European. Their stained paper and lackered ware are also well known.

The interior commerce of China is chiefly confined to the operation of bartering the productions of its different provinces; and these are sufficiently various to afford room for a variety of extensive traffic. The most ample facilities are afforded by the great rivers and their numerous tributaries, and also by the canals, which are constructed on a greater scale than in any other country. One of the great objects is the conveyance to the capital of the imperial land-rent, which is paid in

kind, and consists chiefly of rice.

Salt is a most extensive article of traffic. The British embassy found, at Teentsin, piles of that commodity, which they calculated at 600,000,000 pounds weight. The conveyance of coal, turf, and other fuel, affords also occupation to numerous barges. The distribution throughout China of the silks, porcelain, and other fine manufactures of the central provinces, affords another source no less ample.

Of the foreign commerce of China, the European part is the most considerable, it has long been chiefly in the hands of the English, and was conducted, until recently, by their East India Company, to the exclusion of private traders. By an Act of Parliament of August 28, 1833, the China trade was opened to all British subjects, and now stands on the same footing as that with other countries. During the first year of the free trade (1834-5), the exports of tea alone, in British vessels, amounted to upwards 10 million pounds; more than the annual average of the last three years of the Company's trade. Foreigners can deal only with a body of licensed Chinese traders, called the Hong merchants, who are required to give security to the government for the payment of the import and export duties on the cargo of every ship that arrives, and for the good conduct of the crew. There are, however, others, called outside merchants, many of whom, under sanction of the Hong, carry on traffic to a considerable extent.

The British trade in Canton was recently under the supervision of an officer of their own, appointed by the crown, and styled the superintendent of the merchants. About 40 million pounds of the area annually sent to England, besides sugar, silks, nankeens, lacquer was the precious metals, &c. The value of the British trade, in 1838, amounted to £11,700,000. The Dutch is the largest European trade, after the British; but even with the assistance of protecting duties, in Holland, the

Dutch cannol compete with the Americans. Though the Portuguese possess the island and town of Macao, and the Spaniards from the Philippines have access to the port of Amoy, they make little use of these advantages. The French, Swedes, and Danes, all carry on a limited intercourse with Canton.

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The American commerce with China commence in the year 1783, with a single ship from the port of New York, and has increased from 30 to 40 ships annually of the burthen of 15,000 tons: the average value of their cargoes is about \$5,000,000; the imports comprise 10 million pounds of tea, of various kinds, with some nankeens, silks, toys, &c. In return, are sent seal-skins, ginseng, sea slug, woollen and cotton goods, and specie. Since the peace between Great Britain and China, a treaty has been concluded between the latter and the United States, by which American commerce is placed upon the footing of the most favoured nations.

The foreign trade of China in her own bottoms, though bearing no proportion to the wealth and greatness of the empire, is not altogether inconsiderable. It is carried on in large unwieldy junks, whose structure can never be improved, as the alightest deviation from their present clumsy structure would subject the owners to the high duties imposed on foreign merchants.

The over-land foreign trade of China, carried on by caravans, is also extensive. The principal stations for this trade are as follows: Maimatchin, opposite to Kiakhta on the Russian frontier, where the value of the merchandise imported and exported, is about \$2,000,000 annually; Yarkand and Cashgar, near the frontiers of Bucharia; Leh, or Ladak, and Lassa, in Thibet, for the over-land trade with Hindoostan; Yong-tchang, in Yunnan, near the Birman frontier; and Koei-lin, near that of Anum.

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The inland navigation, by means of rivers and canals, which everywhere abound, is unparalleled. The Imperial Canal is the greatest work of the kind in the world. It extends from Peking to the Kiang-ku, about 600 miles. It is said to have employed 30,000 men upwards of 40 years in its construction. The great wall which bounds China on the north is the most enormous fabric in the world. It is 1500 miles long, passing over a vast chain of mountains, 30 fget high on the plain, 15 or 20 when carried over rocks and elevated grounds; and of such thickness that 6 horsemen can easily ride abreast upon it. It is said to have been completed 214 years before the Christian era.

The whole of the immense population of China composes, in its strictest sense, one people, cast in one mould, both of form and mind, and exhibit in their physiognomy and general appearance striking proofs of Mongul origin. They have a square, flat face, small nose, but broad at the root, pale yellow complexion, and long black hair. The latter is plaited into a tail, reaching from the crown of the head sometimes as low as the calf of the leg, the rest of the scalp being closely shaven. According to the ideas of the Chinese, the chief cauty of the females consists in the smallness of their feet, which are swe hed from the earliest infancy is scaler to research their growing to the natural six

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Quictude, industry, order, and regularity,—qualities which a despotic government seeks all vs to foster,—seem to be peculiarly conspicuous. A general good-humour and courtesy reign in their aspect and proceedings. Flagrant crimes, and open violations of the laws, are by no means common. The attachments of kindred are encouraged and cherished with peculiar force, particularly towards

parents and ancestry in general. The support of the aged and infirm is inculcated as a secred duty, which appears to be very strictly fulfilled. It is surely a phenomenon in national economy very worthy of notice, that, in a nation so immensely multiplied, and so straitened for food, there should not be such a thing as either begging or pauperism. The wants of the most destitute are relieved within the circle of their family and kindred. It is said to be customary, that a whole family, for several generations, with all its members, married and unmarried, live under one roof, and with only two apartments, one for elesping, and the other for eating; a system, the possibility of maintaining which, implies a great degree of tranquillity and harmony of temper. Within the domestic circle, however, and that of ceremonious social intercourse, seems to terminate all that is amiable in the Chinese disposition. In every other respect they show no interest in the welfare of their fellow-creatures, nor even the common feelings of sympathy. Repeated instances have occurred of Chinese dropping into the sea, and being rescued by the English, while their own countrymen did not take the least notice, or make a single effort to save them. Their propensity to fraud has been amply noticed by travellers, but appears to have been somewhat exaggerated. To the Hong merchants belongs the merit of having established a character of very strict honesty; and many even of what are called "outside merchants" appear to be highly respectable.

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Chinese literature is much encumbered by the difficulties of the language, High attenments are hardly possible though the works are innumerable, and knowledge is to general road to office. Poetry is a general study, and there are many tales, books of ceremonies, ethics, dramas, &c. The books most esteemed are attributed to Configure. There is a Gazette published at Canton, and though there is no censors in the penalties for publishing what is distasteful to the authorities are sufficiently severe to repress all liberty of the press.

The existing worship of China is a confused mixture of superstitions, for generally speaking all religions are tolerated, though the reigning Tartar family adhere principally to the religion of the Grand Lama. The religion of Fo is similar to some of the tenets of Buddhism, and Fo is the Buddha of the Hindoos. The number of temples is incalculable. There were many Catholic Christians once in China, but they have been often persecuted, from an indiscreet course in the missionaries; so that at present they are hardly tolerated.

The fine arts, in China, are deficient. Her painters, indeed, can express with minute accuracy the forms and colours of natural objects; and can produce, on the whole, a light and pleasing effect. Being wholly ignorant, however, of perspective, and of the distribution of light and shade, they can accomplish no effects of foreshortening or distance; neither can they imitate that depth and blending of tints which nature actually presents to the eye. They give groups of individual objects; but not a picture. Their music, notwithstanding the mighty effects which they ascribe to it, is, in fact, still more defective. It is perfectly simple, and has been compared to the Scotch, but without possessing its plaintive tenderness.

The Chinese are more completely and substantially clothed than the other nations in the south of Asia. The men wear long gowns and petticoats, which

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would give them a feminine appearance, did they not add hoots; while the women, with short jackets and trousers, might pass for men, but for the elegant ornament of braiding their hair with flowers. Silks, satins, and occasionally fine cottons, form the material of dress for the higher ranks: the lower are clad in occase cottons. The button forms the attribute of rank, and by its various shapes and sizes expresses at once, to a Chinose eye, the dignity of the wearer.

The people of China differ from the other Orientals in their food, and in the mode of taking it. Instead of squatting on the floor, and eating with their fingers, they sit on chairs, eat off tables, and raise the food to their mouth with a species of chopsticks. Their dishes are placed on small tables, but piled in successive stages over each other. They consist, in a great measure, of confections and fruits, the latter of which are iced. One favourite luxury of the rich consists of soups made with the gelatinous substances, sea-slug, birds nests, &c., imported from Cochin China, Malaysia, &c. The mandarins live luxuriously, and have several meals a day, with numerous dishes at each. The ordinary Chinese can have only rice, with a little seasoning. Tes is the well-known universal beverage, presented at and after meals, and on all occasions. It is drunk without cream or sugar, hot water being poured over the leaves. Their wine is bad, but they have an ardent spirit distilled from grain, of which they sip pretty largely in private. Even convival excesses occasionally take place.

Foking, the celebrated capital of this great empire, stands almost in a corner of it, only forty miles from the Great Wall. It consists of two very distinct parts, the Chinese and the Tartar cities, of which the former is the most elegant and populous, but the latter is adorned by the imperial palace and gardens. The united city is about twelve miles in circumference, surrounded by walls, like every other in China; but those of Peking are peculiarly lofty, and completely hide the city from those who are without. The population has been a subject of controversy, but is reckoned at nearly 2,000,000. Peking is divided into regular streets, the principal one of which crosses the whole city, and is about 120 feet wide, unpaved, but carefully watered. It consists chiefly of shops, which, though, like every other edifice in the empire, seldom exceeding one story in height, are adorned with flags, varnish, painting, and lanterns of a peculiar and elegant construction. The streets are immensely crowded, as the Chinese spend much time

Nanking, the ancient capital of China, is, in extent, considerably superior to Peking. The exterior wall, enclosing the suburbs, resembles rather the boundary of a province than of a city. Since the government and tribunals, however, were transferred to Peking, it has greatly declined, and about a third part of its area is now uninhabited. It still continues to be the most manufacturing city of China. Its silks, its paper, the cottons bearing its name, are preferred over the empire to those made elsewhere. Learning also continues to flourish in an univalled degree; the booksellers' shops are nowhere so amply furnished; and a greater number of doctors are sent forth from it than from any other city. Nanking contains, also, in its pagoda or porcelain tower, the chief architectural monument of the empire. It consists of nine stories, ascended by 884 steps. The material is a fine white tile, which, being painted in various colours, has the appearance of porcelain; and the whole is so artfully joined together as to seem one entire piece. The galleries are filled with images, and set round with bells, which jingle when agitated by the wind. On the top is a large ball, in the shape of a pine-apple, of which the Chinese boast as consisting of solid gold; but on that point foreign observers seem to be sceptical.

Souchow is extolled by the Chinese as their terrestrial paradise. Branches from the Great Canal traverse it throughout, and render it, like Venice, a city on the waters. The small lake of Taihoo, in the neighbourhood, surrounded by picturesque hills, affords a scene of delighful recreation. Here all the classes whose function is to minister to pleasure, lawful or unlawful, are trained to their respective vocations; comedians, dancers, jugglers, and the females destined to fill the harems of the great. The latter are judged to be fairer and more grace-

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Canton, the best known city of China, and with which alone Europeans earry on habitual intercourse, is situated at the confluence of the Pekiang with the Taho, a much larger river coming from the west. Their united stroams spread below this city into a broad estuary, called, by Europeana, the Bocca Tigris, which extends about fifty miles in length, and twenty in breadth, to its junction with the ocean. Canton itself is about five miles in circumference; besides which, its extensive suburbs compose, as it were, another city. The great estuary of the Bocca Tigris also is covered with floating mansions arranged in streets, the tenants of which have no home on land. The hongs, or factories, are handsome buildings, situated in the suburbs, and arranged in a line along the water. The streets are narrow, and the front of almost every house is a shop; but the suburbs and vicinity contain many agreeable sites, in which the wealthy inhabitants have erected their mansions. Canton is now the only theatre of European trade to China; for the admission granted at an early period into Amoy and Limpoo, or Ningpo, has long been withdrawn. Population from 800,000 to 1,000,000.

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Near the mouth of the Bocca Tigris is the Island of Macso, separated from the continent only by a narrow river channel. It was once a place of high importance, whence the Portuguese, in the days of their pride, carried on most of the commerce between Europe and China. It has more than shared, however, in that supine sloth and decay which have involved all their Eastern empire. The town contains, at present, a population of about 12,000, including about 4000 Portuguese, who still fit out a few vessels, or give their name to those whom it benefits in trading with this jealous government. Thirteen churches, four convents, and

fifty secular ecclesiastics, are supported by this decaying town.

Shang-hae is, next to Canton, the greatest commercial city of China; it is situated about 1000 miles north-east from that place, and not far from the Yang-tae-kiang River, in one of the most populous parts of the empire. The missionary, Mr. Gutalaff, who visited it a few years ago, found its port crowded with junks, and every evidence of a great commerce, and a dense population. The coasting trade of this city is said to exceed that of Canton; it is the chief em-

porium of the eastern coast,

Teen-tsin, on the Pei-ho River, about 75 miles south-east from Peking, is the principal trading mart of Northern China, and the sea-port of the capital. The river is so thronged with junks, and the mercantile transactions give such life and motion to the scene, as strongly to remind one (says Mr. Gutzlaff) of Liver-pool. Some of the mercantile firms issue notes, which are as current as bank notes in Europe, or the United States. Besides the vast trade of the surrounding region, 500 large junks arrive here annually from Southern China, Cochin-China, and Siam. Teen-tsin is a great depôt for salt. The inhabitants here have more resemblance to Europeans than in any other part of the empire. The population

is said to be 700,000.

China, generally speaking, is a country strictly continental, composed of a rounded range of coast, little broken into bays and promontories. There are, however, several insular appendages to it, which deserve notice. Of these, the most interesting are the islands called Loo-Choo. The great Loo-Choo is about fifty-eight miles in length, and from twelve to fifteen miles broad; and it is the principal of a group of thirty-six, situated about 400 miles from the eastern coast of China. It is tributary to the latter country, from which it also derives its literature. The great island itself is represented as one of the most delightful spots on the globe. The sea breezes, blowing over it at every season of the year, preserve it from the extremes of heat and cold; and numerous rivulets, which seldom or never stagnate into marshes, render it at once pleasant and healthy. The population could not by any of its recent European visitors be conjectured; but, from the extent and state of cultivation, it must be considerable. The character of the inhabitants appears every way to harmonize with the charms of their climate and scenery. They are gay, kindly, hospitable, and intelligent. They exhibit none of the recluse and contracted habits of the Chinese, but meet fre-

quently together at little festivals in the open air, and appear peculiarly alive to social enjoyment. The people of Loo-Choo are a diminutive race, averaging only five feet two inches high; but stout and well built; their faces rather agreeable than handsome., Indeed, the whole animal creation, except the poultry, is small, but otherwise of excellent quality. This interesting group appears to extend about 500 miles in a direction nearly from south-west to north-east.

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The island of Formosa, called by the natives Tai-wan, is in possession of the Chinese, and may rank with their best provinces. Its surface is finely diversified, and watered by numerous rivulets descending from the higher parts of the island. Settlements were formed here first by the Portuguese, and then by the Dutch; but both are now expelled. The eastern part, rugged and mountainous, is occupied by races almost savage, who live by hunting, sleep on leaves, have scarcely any clothes or furniture, and tattoo their skin like the rudest of the South Sea islanders.

Hainan is a large island, 190 miles in length and 70 in breadth, separated by a narrow channel from the southern extremity of the province of Quang-tong. Though in view of vessels going to Canton, it is little known or visited.

Along the coast of Tchekiang extends the almost numberless group of the Chusan islands, of which, in a sail of sixty miles, 300 have been discovered. They are small, verdant, and cultivated, and rise from the sea in a conical shape. There are many fine ports in these islands, and the channels between them are crowded with almost innumerable vessels, carrying on a commerce, of which the centre is at Ning-po, on the opposite coast. The great Chusan island is about forty miles in length, and about twenty in breadth. It is highly cultivated. Tinghai, the capital, intersected by canals, resembles Venice on a small scale, and presents a crowded ecene of busy industry.

COREA.

The little that is known respecting the peninsula of Corea may also, with propriety, be appended to the account of China. It is separated from Japan by the Straits of Corea, and by the Yellow Sea from China. The country, 400 miles long by 150 broad, is traversed from north to south by a chain of mountains; and, though some parts are sterile and rugged, it contains a considerable extent of fertile and well-cultivated plains. A great part of what was once supposed to be main land has been found to consist of an almost innumerable archipelago of small islands, extending along the western coast. Corea is ruled by a sovereign who pays homage and a small tribute to China, but in his general sway is entirely independent. The people are very little known, but appear to be tall, handsome, and brave. The arts and letters of China have been to a great extent imported, and Corea has the same written language, though its spoken one is entirely different. Men of letters undergo similar examinations, and hold the same conspicuous place as in that country. The island of Quelpaert, off the southern coast, is distinguished by its lofty mountain, beautifully covered with cultivation. The capital is King-ki-tao, an inland town, situated nearly in the centre of the country.

TARTARY.

TARTARY is a name vulgarly applied to an immense region occupying almost all the central part of Asia, extending from the Caspian sea to the Pacific ocean; having Asiatic Russia on the north, and China, Thibet, Hindoostan, Cabul, and Persia on the south. The predominant feature of this great territory, is that of plains, almost boundless, covered with herbage, more or less abundant, and occupied by wandering and pastoral tribes, whose camps, like moving cities, pass continually over its surface.

Three great chains of mountains, running mostly from east to west, traverse the wide expanse of Central Tartary; of these, the Altai, on the north, separates it from Siberis; and the Kuenlun, on the south, from Thibet. The intermediate

chain which is wholly Tartar, and divides the country into two great table-plains, is called the Thian-chan, or Celestial mountains. The two last chains are connected at their western extremities by the transverse range of the Bolor Tagh, which forms an almost impassable barrier, in that part, between Western and Cen-tral Tartary. The latter is thought to be one of the most elevated plains on the globe, though this, from a consideration of its vegetable productions, is rendered doubtful; while on the other hand, Western Tartary, especially those parts of it in the vicinity of the Caspian and Aral seas, are usually considered to be depressed even below the level of the ocean, a circumstance, however, which requires con-

Most of the rivers of this region expand into interior seas and lakes. these in the west are the Amoo or Oxus, and the Sir, Sihon or Jaxartes, both of which flow into the sea of Aral; in Central Tartary is the Cashgar, which flows eastward into the lake Lop. The Elab, and other streams, run into the lake Pal-cati; the Boratala into lake Karang, and the Emil into lake Kurcha. The great streams of the Irtish, the Obe, and the Selinga, although they rise in this region, soon break the northern barrier, and roll through Siberia to the ocean. Eastern Tartary is watered by the Amoo or Seghalien, which falls into the gulf separating the island of Seghalien from the continent. This stream may vie in magnitude with the greatest Asiatic rivers, but from its unfavourable position it conduces little

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The chief divisions of Tartary are into Independent and Chinese Tartary. former may be considered as subdivided into the Khanats or kingdoms of Bokhara or Great Bucharia, Khokan, Khiva, the little state of Koondooz in the south-west, and the country of the Kirguis in the north and north-west, together with Turcomania, extending along the eastern shores of the Caspian sea. Chinese Tartary is subdivided into various regions, which are Soongaria or Eelah, and Little Bu-charia, called also Chinese Turkestan in the west, Mongolia in the centre, and Mantchooria in the east. The population of a region so imperfectly known cannot be estimated from any precise data, and from the nature of the country, must be rather limited. Different geographers have, however, reckoned it at from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000, of which it is probable the smallest number is the near-

est approximation to the truth, and is even likely to be overrated.

The Mongols and the Turks, or Toorks, the two leading races among the various tribes who inhabit this immense region, are distinguished by numerous peculiarities from each other. The Mongols, so celebrated under their own and the ancient name of Huns, occupy chiefly the pastoral districts bordering on the north upon the great desert of Shamo. Their visage is broad, square, and flat, with high cheek-bones, the nose peculiarly depressed, small and keen black eyes, bending obliquely towards the nose, thick lips, and a scanty provision of black hair upon the head, eyebrows, and beard. Their persons are somewhat diminutive, spare, muscular, and active, and the horses on which they continually ride are more distinguished for swiftness than for size and beauty. The Calmucks, the Kalkas, the Eluths, the Buraits, may be considered as branches of the great Mon-gol family. The Turks, celebrated for their early conquest of Persia, and for gol family. The Turks, celebrated for their early conquest of Persia, and for their possession of Constantinople, are a much haudsomer race. They have short and stout persons, broad foreheads, high cheek-bones, small but not twisted eyes, and black hair. They are divided chiefly into the Uzbeks, the Turkomans, and the The Mantchoos are represented by some as exhibiting the Mongol features, with a fair complexion; but belong to the same class as the Tungouses. Although there be this variety in the external appearance of these races, yet the same wandering, pastoral, equestrian habits; the division into tribes; and the absolute sway of their khans, unite in fixing a similar character on all the nations who bear the name of Tartar.

of the national character of the Tartars very various reports have been given,

Their according to the relation under which they have presented themselves. delight is in war, and there is no nation that wages it on a more dreadful and barbarous system. The "scourge of God," the "terror of mankind," are the appellations by which they are known to the neighbouring empires. General ex-

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termination, without regard to age or sex, is what they consider themselves entitled to inflict on all who attempt resistance; and this is mitigated only when a profit can be made by carrying off captives, and selling them as slaves. It was said of the armies of Zingis and Timour, that they saw before them a fruitful kingdom, and left behind them a solitary desert. It was their boast, with regard to some of the proudest capitals, that they had reduced them to such a state, that a horse might pass over their site without stumbling. A picture generally the reverse of this has been drawn by those who have observed the Tatars, even when they were spreading elsewhere the widest desolation, displaying, in their domestic life and their intercourse with each other, the simplicity and amisable virtues of the pastoral age. They are cordial, kind, and hospitable; quarrels are rare, seldom produce fighting, and scarcely ever bloodshed. Compared with the Hindoos and Chinese, they are frank, sincere, and honest; and though they make even peaceable strangers feel the influence of a national pride, nourished by the recollection of so many victories, yet they protect them, and treat them with courtesy.

Two religions divide Tartary, and are professed with zeal through different portions. All its eastern regions acknowledge the Shaman doctrines, and the supremacy of the Grand Lama; while ever since the commencement of the eighth century, when the countries beyond the Amoo were conquered by the arms and instructed by the preaching of the caliphs, they have remained devoted to the Mussulman creed.

The favourite food of the Tartars is horse-flesh, so repugnant to the taste of all other nations. Horses there, as oxen with us, are regularly fattened for the tables of the rich. To the same animal, the Tartars are also indebted for their most national and characteristic liquor. The milk of the mare is fermented into an intoxicating drink, called koumiss, which is their favourite beverage, and which physicians have described as really very palatable and wholesome. They use also bouza, a thin acidulous liquor, made from grain, and which is likewise much drunk in Arabia and northern Africa. They breakfast on tea, which, after the mode of Thibet, they make into a thick liquid, with milk, flour, and butter.

The learning of Tartary is little known, and is at best only a reflected light from the southern regions of Persia, Hindoostan, and China. Yet the country is by no means involved in that thick darkness which the name of Tartar suggests to the European ear. In all the Mahometan states, some of the first elements of knowledge are very widely diffused; and the few great cities contain colleges for instruction in the sciences, on as extensive a scale as those of Europe. Unfortunately, the sciences there taught form a contracted and monastic circle, nearly similar to what was professed in Europe during the middle ages.

Tartary, with some local exceptions, is a poor country, scarcely affording to a thin population the mere necessaries of life. Articles of luxury it does not produce; and it affords few others for which they could be received in exchange. Whatever of splendour has shone in the courts of Karakorum or Samarcand, has been wrested, by the sword, from their effeminate possessors in southern Asia. Conquest, indeed, no longer enriches Tartary; but the plunder of caravans, or the booty swept together in long chepaos, or forays, forms still the chief source of wealth to its petty khans and chieftains.

In regard to agriculture, although in some favoured districts there are fixed tribes who cultivate the ground, the general aspect is that of a pastoral region. The horse is the wealth and strength of Tartary. Those, however, for which this region is so famous, display neither the elegance nor swiftness of the Arabian steed. They are of great weight, with long bodies and large limbs. Their merit consists in what is called bottom; in the power of making immense journeys, without pause or fatigue; and by this quality they wear out, in the long run, their swifter adversaries. They are used, however, not only as instruments of war and plunder, but also for economical purposes, and particularly for food. Horse-flesh, from one end of Tartary to the other, is a standing dish; and mares' milk, fermented into a liquor called koumiss, is almost the only liquor used for convivial purposes. The other animals of Tartary are more local, and chiefly borrowed

from the adjoining districts. Eastern Tartary has in the south, the yak, the goat, and the musk-deer of Thibet; in the north, the fur-bearing animals of Siberia; but

neither in such perfection as in their own proper districts.

The vegetable productions which are the objects of culture in Tartary do not materially differ from those of Europe: in the southern and milder tracts are raised wheat, barley, and millet; while the ruder northern districts, particularly of Mantchoo Tartary, scarcely yield any grain except cats. On the declivities, however, of the great chain which separates Tartary from Siberia, are found some valuable and peculiar products; the rhubard, so useful as a medicine, and which has been transplanted into Europe, without attaining the same excellence; and the ginseng, which, though it has never been valued among us, is in China and Tartary held of sovereign virtue.

Manufactures cannot be said to have any national existence in Tartary, though here, as everywhere else, the women produce some coarse fabrics for internal consumption. Among these, the principal are felt, coarse woollens, and skins, particularly of sheep, variously prepared.

Commerce, over this vast region, is on a scale not quite so limited; resting, indeed, on other resources than its own exports and imports, which are of very small amount. These wide open plains have in all ages formed a route of communication between Eastern and Western, and of late between Northern and Southern, Asia. Notwithstanding the multiplied obstacles of mountains, deserts, snows, and the more deadly impediment of barbarous nations devoted to plunder, caravans proceeding by this route have always exchanged the products of Persia and Hindoostan for those of China. To avert the perils that await them, they proceed in large bodies, well armed, and purchase the protection of the princes through whose territories they pass, and who, indeed, if at all enlightened, seek rather to encourage this system of transit. Of late the Russians have opened a great trade across Independent Tartary. They have annual caravans from Orenburg to Bokhara, and these, it is said, consist frequently of 30,000 men. They frequent also the fhirs of Yarkand, and some of them have even been seen in those of Thibet.

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MANTCHOORIA.

The most eastern division of Tartary, or the country of the Mantchoos, forming the interval between China and Siberia, and bordered by the Eastern Pacific, is still less known than most of its other regions. We scarcely know it at all, unless by Chinese descriptions, which are in general meagre and pompous. It presents mostly a different aspect from those immense and naked plains which characterise the centre of Asia. It appears to be diversified by rugged and broken mountain ranges, covered with thick forests, and separated by valleys, many of which, notwithstanding the coldness of the climate, possess considerable fertility. Wheat is raised only in the most favoured spots; the prevalent culture is that of oats, elsewhere scarcely an Asiatic grain. The product most valued abroad is the ginseng, the universal medicine in the eye of the Chinese, who boast that it would render man immortal were it possible for him to become so.

The great river Amoor, after rising in Mongolia, traverses the whole of this province, receiving from the south the large tributaries of the Usuri and the Songari Oula. It abounds with fish of the finest kinds, of which the sturgeon, in particular, is found in matchless abundance and perfection. The lands upon this shore ought also, it should seem, to possess ample capacities of culture. Yet they are occupied merely by tribes of poor and wandering fishermen.

The few towns that cxist are inhabited chiefly by Chinese, defended by Tartar garrisons. North of the Amoor, the country is Siberian, and is filled with a race of hunters, who find many valuable fur-bearing animals, among which the sabie is conspicuous. They consist of various, small tribes, as the Natki, Ghillaki, Dutcheri, Taguri, &c.

The Mantchoos are by no means wholly destitute of civilization. They possesse even a language and writing, essentially different from that of the Chinese, or of any other nation of Central Asia.

The provinces of Mantchoo Tartary, immediately adjacent to China, are called

Kortchin, and Kirin, or Kirin Oula, of which the latter has a capital of the same name. The most remarkable place, however, is Zhehol, the summer residence and hunting-seat of the Chinese emperors. The gardens here are most superb and extensive, occupying a large expanse of ground tastefully ornamented. The province, however, which is reported to contain the greatest extent of productive land is Leaotong, bordering on Corea; of which, Chinyang, or Moukden, is the capital.

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The northern region, watered by the Amoor, bears the title of Tsitchicar or Mantchooria Proper, being the original seat of that conquering race. Its towns, Tsitchicar, Seghalien Oula Hotun, Merguin Hotun, and Petoune Hotun, are poor, and of middling extent. On the Upper Amoor is the district of Solon, inhabited by a rude race of Tartars, who take their name from it; and farther to the east is Daouria, peopled by a mingled race of Mantchoos and Mongols. Esstward from Mantchooria, and separated from it by the strait called the Channel of Tartary, are the islands of Seghalien and Jesso: these form the northern termination of that great range of which the southern portion is occupied by the empire of Japan. All the level coasts of Jesso adjacent to their own territory have been occupied and cultivated by the Japanese; but the rugged tracts in the centre and north are still held by the natives.

A strait, as narrow as that which parts Jesso from Japan, interposes on the northern side, between it and the long and narrow island of Seghalien, which, for a space of about 700 miles, faces the eastern coast of Tartary. It has now, indeed, become almost more than doubtful whether it be an island or not. European navigators have traced on the south what is called the Channel of Tartary, and on the north the bay of Castries; but they have left in the middle a space unexplored, where the natives report that Seghalien is joined to the continent by a sandy isthmus, so small that fishermen drag their boats across it.

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The inhabitants of Seghalien, and the natives of Jesso, consist of a peculiar race, called the Ainos, who possess a physical character entirely distinct from the inhabitants of the opposite coast of Tartary. Travellers, content with remarking this, have given very few particulars of their actual outward appearance, except that their persons are covered with a more ample growth of hair than those of any other race. Their occupations rank them among the rudest classes of human society. They are unacquainted either with agriculture or pasturage, and derive their sole subsistence from fishery or the chase. They are represented as mild, peaceable, generous, and warmly attached to each other. The verdure is more brilliant than on the opposite coast of Tartary, and the sea abounds in an extraordinary degree with fish, among which are whales in considerable numbers. They did not appear, however, to possess any materials for trade with nations at a distance so immense as those of Europe. Their only intercourse is with Japan, and with the country to a considerable height up the Amoor.

MONGOLIA.

EASTWARD of Little Bucharia commence the almost boundless plains roamed over by the tribes of Mongolia, and which, including Soongaria, extend for nearly fifty degreer of longitude, as far as the Lake of Balkash or Palcati. In the central portion of Tartary, a principal feature is the Great Desert, which extends almost entirely across it. According to the best of those imperfect accounts which we yet possess, it reaches about 2000 miles from south-west to north-east, separating, like a great inland sea, the countries upon which it borders.

The only precise account of it is given by the Russian embassies which have from time to time been sent to China, whose route lay in a south-east direction acroes that part of the eastern division interposed between Kiachta and Peking. The surface of the desert is described as covered with short and thin grass, which, owing, perhaps, to the saline quality of the soil maintained a greater number of cattle than could have been supposed. There is, indeed, a considerable number of springs and lakes, but the water is so brackish as to be scarcely potable; so that a single pure spring which occurred, tasted as delicious as burgundy or champagne. A space of twenty miles in extent immediately beyond the Chinese wall

was composed of shifting and sinking sand, formed into waves twenty feet high, and the crossing of which was an operation of the greatest labour. The ground along this tract is covered with pebbles of considerable beauty, and even value.

All the habitable parts of this desert, with the tracts to the north of the Thianchan, covered with rank and luxuriant pastures, are traversed by the tribes or standards of the Mongols. This terrible race are no longer in a condition to pour over Asia the tide of conquest and desolation. They are split into a number of petty tribes separate from each other, generally hostile, and incapable of combining for any common object. They have been made to own the covereignty of China; but that state, unable either to maintain garrisons or exact tribute, leaves them much to themselves, and requires little more than that they shall leave it

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In their character the Mongols are rough, roaming, and warlike; but in domes-tic intercourse, frank, cheerful, and hospitable. Their main pride consists in the management of their horses, in which they appear indeed to show a wonderful degree of dexterity. As the luxuries of horse-flesh and koumiss can be commanded only to a limited extent, they supply their place with cows, and with that species of sheep having huge tails composed entirely of fat, which prevails in many parts of Asia and Africa. For amusement, they hunt deer and a few sables, but find little opportunity for fishing. Amidst all the privations to which they are exposed, they manifest a gay and cheerful disposition, and take delight in various kinds of sports and exercises. Complete converts to the religion of Buddha, they have lamas, feigned or fancied to be immortal, and each of whose places is immediately supplied after death by another, believed to be a new body animated by the same soul. They have also monks, by whom the religious ceremonics are conducted; and these ceremonies are observed, as in Thibet, to bear a close resemblance to those celebrated under the superstitious forms of Christianity. This ecclesiastical nobility, however, though reverenced and handsomely supported, is far from enjoying the same exclusive dignity as in Thibet. The warlike chiefs hold that pre-eminence which is usual among such rude tribes

The Mongols consist of several great families, comprising the Kalmucks, supposed to be the most numerous, the Eluts, or Eluths, the Kalkas, or Black, and the Sharras, or Yellow Mongols; also the Sifans, or Choshotes, divided into Black

and White.

SOONGARIA.

SONGARIA, bounded on the north by the Altaï range, and on the south by the Thian-chan, may be considered as a western division of Mongolia, being, in almost all its features, of the same character: it is peopled chiefly by the Kalmucks, the most numerous among all the branches of the Mongols, and, in form, manners and religion, exhibit scarcely any distinction from the rest of the same great family. They appear, however, to have a more independent and regular form of govern-The khans of the different ooroghs, or tribes, ment than any other Tartar nation. meet in a general council, to elect the great khan of the Kalmucks. They boast of their country as that whence issued the Huns, who acted so celebrated a part in the overthrow of the Roman empire. In the end of the seventeenth century, they had made themselves completely the ruling people, and masters of all central Tartary, including the southern countries of Cashgar and Koten. Being attacked, however, by the Mongols, their rivals, confederated with the whole force of the Chinese empire, they were unable to sustain the unequal contest, which ended in the subjection to China of all Tartary east of the Bolor. The Mongols, though sharing the common subjection, became pre-eminent over their rivals, many of whom, unable to brook this double servitude, sought refuge in Asiatic Russia; but the mildness of the Chinese sway has since induced a large proportion to return. The whole number occupying their original seats is now supposed to amount to about 1,000,000.

There are several towns in Soongaria, of which Eelah is the chief: it is situated on a river of the same name, and is said to be rather a collection of towns than a single one; it contains a large Chinese garrison, and has an annual fair, to

which the Kalmucks bring from 25,000 to 30,000 horses.

LITTLE BUCHARIA.

This region, to the south of the Thianchan, and north-west of the Great Desert, although an extensive country including some of the fluest tracts of Central Asia, has remained to the moderns almost utterly unknown. The appellation of Tangut appears to have been extensively, though in a somewhat vague way, applied to this region, which has also been called Little Bucharia and Chinese Turkestan. According to the report of late travellers, the Chinese, having driven out the native princes, have incorporated the greater part of it into the kingdom of Cashgar. This kingdom, in its original limits, forms a wide plain to the east of the great chain of the Bolor. It is described as superior in beauty and fertility to any other part of Tartary, and as rivalling the finest tracts in southern Europe. It is watered by numerous streams, descending from the high border chain; the fields, carefully cultivated, are covered with large crops of grain, and the fruits are peculiarly excellent. It is a tract redeemed, as it were, from the general desolation of Tartary. At present Cashgar appears to be flourishing under the Chinese sway. There and in Yarkand, both Mahometan countries, the magistrates of that profession administer justice and carry on all the internal alliers, while the Chinese military officers, called amdans, collect the revenue and defend the country against foreign invasion.

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The city of Cashgar is the seat of government, and, though not the chief emvium of this part of Asia, yet a seat of considerable trade. A fine river from west passes by it, and a lead mine in the neighbourhood affords employment a considerable number of the inhabitants. Yarkand is universally allowed to be a larger and still handsomer city, and is said to contain 50,000 inhabitants. It is a place of immense resort, and filled with numerous caravanserais for the reception of strangers. A handsome street runs the whole length of the city, entirely filled with shops and warehouses, which are kept by the Chinese, who sit on benches in front. There is also a considerable number of madresses, or colleges. The country around is described as almost unrivalled, particularly for its finely vatered gardens and the excellence of its fruits.

Some other countries and cities enumerated by late writers as situated in Little Bucharia, are Koten, Aksou, Koutche, Turfan, Harashar, Elchi, Karaiah, Gumma, Kargulie, Yengu, and Hissar. Koten is celebrated in the early histories and travels as an independent kingdom, of considerable extent and importance. Its temperate climate and fruitful soil are marked by the production of the vine and the silkworm. At a period anterior to the Christian era, the doctrines and learning of Buddhism are said to have been introduced into Koten, and to have flourished there till they were driven out by Mahometan conquest. At present, under Chinese away, both religions are equally tolerated.

Akson is also described as the capital of an extensive district subject to Cashgar. It is supposed to contain 75,000 inhabitants. Turfan is also a large and strong city, the capital of a considerable country, governed by a branch of the royal family of Cashgar.

Farther to the east is the country of Lop, in which is the lake where the river of Cashgar finds its termination. Beyond it is Chamil, or Hami, represented as a peculiarly fine country, inhabited by a learned and polished people, immersed, towever, in dissolute and voluptuous habits. The Mahometan religion, which has been established through Cashgar and all its dependencies, gives place here to the ecclesiastical sway of the Lama. Peculiar superstitions, the remains probably of an earlier system, are said to prevail in this part of Tartary. The dead are often embalmed in spices, and kept for several years till the astrologer has determined the planet under which they ought to be interred.

INDEPENDENT TARTARY.

INDEPENDENT TARTARY, commencing at the great boundary chain of the Bolor, reaches westward to the Caspian, and is bounded on the south by Persia, and on the north by Asiatic Russia. Its chief divisions are the kingdom of Great Bucharia, or Bokhara, and that of Khokan, both fertile and populous when compared

with the wastes by which they are surrounded; both famed and ancient seats of empire. They are situated upon, and derive their fertility from, the two great central rivers; one from the Amoo Gihon, or Oxus, the other from the Sir, Sihon, or Jaxartes. These states, with the khanat of Khive, also an important power, occupying the lower Amoo, are ruled by Uzbek chiefs, and frequently called Uzbek Turkistan.

GREAT BUCHARIA, OR BOKHARA.

BORHARA forms a fertile casis, extending about 200 miles along the northern bank of the Amoo. The population, by the last Russian embassy, who visited the country in 1820, is reckoned at 2,500,000, of which a great proportion consists of fixed inhabitants, cultivating the ground, or inhabiting towns. The bulk of these, over all Independent Tartary, as well as Cashgar and Cabul, consists of a race called Taujiks, apparently descended from an original native people reduced to subjection by the conquering tribes who at present bear sway; and the name is now generally applied to all who have adopted the same peaceable and industrious habits. The military force of the kingdom consists of 20,000 horse and 4000 infantry, besides about 50,000 militia. The present sovereign, a warlike prince, has wrested Balkh from the chief of Koondooz; but the only expeditions in which his troops engage at present are for the purpose of plunder, chiefly over the vast plains of Khorasan.

The country is well governed, peaceful, and flourishing. Cultivation is only limited by the want of water, and by the naked character of the vast plains which inclose Bokhara. A considerable inland trade is carried on with India, Persia, and, above, all, with Russia. From Astrachan, two annual caravans come by way of Orenburg, each accompanied by 4000 or 5000 camels. In winter, the Amoo being frozen, they are enabled to pass it over the ice; but much hardship is exprienced in consequence of the desolate character of the route, where often neither provisions nor water are to be found for several successive days. The imports from Russia are metals, arms, cutlery, cloths, and other European manufactures; the returns are in silk, cotton, hides, rubies, and turquoises.

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About 200 miles to the east of Bokhara is Samarcand. Its walls still inclose a circuit of forty-eight miles. The beauty of its environs, and the delicacy of its fruits, are still extolled in the same lofty terms which were used by the writers of the middle ages. This renowned capital of Asia is now, however, little better than a mass of ruins.

BALKH.

The region of Balkh, situated on the north side of the mountains, forms part of the vast plain which extends to the Altai, and, being ruled by Uzbek chiefs, it must properly be considered as belonging to Independent Tartary.

Balkh, the ancient Bactria, possesses in Asia the fame of almost unrivalled antiquity, which seems to ascend even to the age of Semiramis. It is commonly called, in the East, the mother of cities. It retains, however, a mere shadow of its ancient grandeur. Only one corner of the wide circuit which its walls inclose is now inhabited, and does not contain more than 2000 souls. The surrounding district is flat, fertile, and well cultivated, containing about 360 villages. This fertility is produced, in a great measure, by a grand reservoir formed of the numerous waters which descend from — a southern side of the Hindoo Koosh mountains; a single canal derived from which is said to yield a revenue of 90000. sterling. As this source of fertility dries up, the country to the north declines into those sterile and naked plains which compose the greater part of Tartary.

KHOKAN.

The tracts between the Amoo and the Sihon partake of the rudest character of Tartary, and are occupied only by bands of wandering Turcomans. The waters of the latter river, however, fertilize the kingdom of Khokan, similar in

cultivation and improvement to Bokhara.

Khokan, of modern origin, and recently made the capital, has risen from a small village to a city of 50,000 houses, with 300 mosques. It lies in a fruitful plain, watered by two small rivers. Khojend, the ancient capital, though decayed, is still more than half the size of Khokan. Its situation on the Sihon is described as truly delightful, and its inhabitants as the most learned and polite of any in this part of Tartary.

Tashkent is an ancient city, still very flourishing, and estimated to contain 100,000 inhabitants, with 320 mosques. Murgilan is a large and fine city.

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On the southern frontier is Ush, a populous town. North of Tashkent, and on the banks of the Sihon, is Tounkat, anciently celebrated for its schools and learned men, and for its fine situation, it being said of it that God never made a more delicious dwelling than at Tounkat. Other towns formerly important are Otrar, Jassu, Taras or Turkestan, &c.

KHIVA.

KHIVA, the ancient Kharasm, forms another kingdom of Independent Tartary, once a seat of empire, and still considerable. It is situated on the lower Amoo, separated by a wide interval of desert from that of Bokhara. The cultivated part of Khiva extends less than 200 miles in length, and 50 in its utmost breadth, along the banks of the river. The canals derived from that stream are the chief means by which cultivation is produced. To this state, also, is loosely attached the roving population of those immense deserts which, on every side, insulate it from the civilized world; from Persia, from Cabul, and from Bokhara. Travellers across these wastes find only at wide intervals a few spots affording water and pasturage. The population of the whole territory has been reckoned at 300,000 families, of whom about a third are fixed, the rest wandering, pastoral, and predatory, and principally employed in desolating Persia, and particularly Khorasan, by plundering expeditions, in which they not only carry off everything valuable, but the inhabitants themselves to perpetual captivity in the heart of their immense deserts.

The settled inhabitants of Khiva are described as gross and uncivilized, when compared either with the Persians or with the Tartars. Their situation enables them to carry on some trade similar to that of Bokhara, though on a smaller scale. One branch they have extended much farther, that of slaves, of whom it is estimated there were, throughout Khiva and Bokhara, from 150,000 to 200,000 Persians, and 15,000 Russians.

The city of Khiva is situated rhout fifteen miles to the south of the Amoo, and contains about 5000 families. It is poorly built, and is, indeed, rather a fixed encampment than a regular town. Even the palace of the khan is only a large wooden tent plastered with clay. Urghendj, or Urgunge, the ancient capital, is almost in ruins, though its situation on the Amoo still preserves to it a little trade. Khizarist, or Hazarasp, a place distinguished in the revolutions of Asia, has experienced an equal decay. Chevvat, Kiat, &c., are also small towns or villages.

KOONDOOZ.

BETWEEN Cabul and Bokhara, to the south of the Amoo, is the little state of Koondooz, ruled by an Uzbek chieftain or meer, who has established his power over all the neighbouring districts. He has a force of 20,000 horse, and renders himself formidable to his neighbours by his activity and his vigorous policy. The town of Koondooz is situated in a marshy valley proverbial for its unhealthy climate, and is visited by the meer only in winter. It was once a large town, but the population does not now exceed 1500 souls. Kholoom is agreeably situated in a fine district, and contains about 10,000 inhabitants. Eastward from Bokhara

lies the long mountain valley of Badakshan, situated between the Bolor Tagh. and a high branch thrown out from it, called the Ridge of Pamer. Badakshan is celebrated over the East for its mineral products; iron, salt, sulphur, lapis lazuli; but, above all, rubies considered equal to any in the world. It is dependent on the meer of Koondooz. The capital is Badakshan. On the opposite side of the Amoo is the district of Derwauz, the kind of which claims a descent from Alexander. which his neighbours are said to admit; probably on very slender testimony.

KIRGUIS COUNTRY.

THE northern and north-western parts of Independent Tartary are occupied by the Kirguis, who are divided into three branches or hordes, called the Great, the Middle, and the Little Horde.

The Great Horde ranges to the east and south, on the frontiers of Cashgar and Khokan, and many of its tribes have adopted the habits of those more improved

districts, and acquired a fixed and peaceable character.

The Middle and Lesser Horde occupy the shores of the Aral, and the tract extending from the Aral to the Caspian, and in these the original nomadic and pastoral character is preserved most entire. They own, in a certain sense, the sovereignty of Russia, which, however, must have recourse to measures both of conciliation and defence, to prevent them from making extensive depredations in its territory. In the former view, it grants pensions to the principal chiefs, of whom the khan receives annually 600 rubles and 20 camels; the rest in proportion; and it maintains a chain of strong posts along the whole line from the Ural to the Irtysh. In their social and political capacity, the Kirguis enjoy a greater share of independence than most of the other tribes of Middle Asia.

The Little Horde, indeed, allows Russia to appoint a nominal khan; but he enjoys scarcely any power, unless what he can secure by wealth or personal qualities. The private life of the Kirguis is directed by the maxims of Mahometan law, of which they are strict observers. Under its sanction, the chiefs observe polygamy to as great an extent as purchase or robbery can enable them, and

a separate tent is allotted to each wife.

The wealth of the Kirguis consists in horses, goats, the large-tailed sheep, and a few camels. In these respects their possessions are said to be often very considerable. It has been chiefly, as yet, by plunder or contribution, that they have obtained foreign luxuries; but some, adopting more peaceable habits, have begun to obtain them by the exchange of furs, hides, and felt."

TURCOMANIA.

TURCOMANIA extends west from Khiva along the eastern shores of the Caspian Sea, and is a sandy and rocky country, labouring under a great deficiency of water. The inhabitants, more swarthy, smaller in size, but more square in their limbs, than the neighbouring tribes, live in tents of felt, or in caves of the rocks. They are a set of rude shepherds, who often commit acts of robbery, and sometimes carry off the inhabitants of the northern Persian provinces, whom they sell for slaves at Khiva and Bokhara.

The Turcomans are divided into several tribes, of which the most powerful, settled around and near the Bay of Balkan, number, it is said, 12,000 families. They keep numbers of camels and sheep, and have also a breed of particularly strong and serviceable horses, much esteemed in the East. These people weave a coaree cloth of camels' wool, and raise, where the soil admits of it, a little grain, rice, water-melons, and cucumbers. The Russians occasionally visit the Bay of

Balkan, and trade with the Turcomans.

JAPAN.

JAPAN bears an affinity to China, in the nature of its institutions, the character of its inhabitants, and the physical and moral circumstances which separate it from the rest of the world. Being populous, and marked by striking and peculiar features, it has, notwithstanding the complete state of insulation in which it holds itself from other nations, attracted has a share of the curiosity of Europe.

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The aspect of 'span is bold, varied, abrupt, and striking, without any single feature that is very prominent. Rugged chains traverse its interior, from several of which volcanic fire is thrown up; and Fusi, the highest, is covered with almost perpetual snow. Niphon, the largest, is about 800 miles long; Kiusiu, 150 miles long by 120 broad; Sikoke, 90 long by 50 broad. The other islands are mere detached and local objects. The southern rart of the large contiguous island of Jesso, is completely colonised and possessed by the Japanese. Much of the surface of Japan consists of rich valleys and extending plains, on which most of the articles of tropical produce grow in great abundance. It was entirely unknown to the ancients, and is not mentioned by any of their historians. The empire, however, has records, which affect to detail its revolutions for a period long anterior to that which we are justified in assigning to the origin of human society.

The intercourse of Europeans with Japan, which is to us the most interesting part of history, commenced in the sixteenth century. The Portuguese, who were the first explorers of this as well as of every other part of the Asiatic coast, did not at first encounter that deadly jealousy with which Japan was afterwards closed against Europeans. Not only were they allowed to establish a factory, and carry on a great trade at Firando, but no opposition was made to the introduction of missionaries, for diffusing the Catholic religion. St. Francis Xavier, the celebrated apostle of the East, made Japan the great theatre of his preaching. After some obstacles, considerable progress was made; several of the princes or tributary kings, with a great number of their subjects, embraced the new faith; and an embassy was even sent to Philip II. and the pope. In no long time, however, these fair promises began to be clouded. The nobles became impatient of the restraints imposed by their new profession; and the perpetual jealousy of a despotic government was kindled by the introduction of new doctrines, habits, and ideas, from a foreign nation, who sught amploy this change as a prelude to conquest. Some rash steps taken by the missionaries, and, probably, the report of Portuguese proceedings in other parts of Asia, raised this hostile disposition to the utmost pitch. A general persecution was commenced against all, both native and foreign, who held the new faith; and it was carried on with an unrelenting severity characteristic of the nation, which ended in completely extirpating the Catholic faith.

Afterwards the Dutch, by assuming the most submissive deportment, and, as has been alleged, denying the faith on account of which their predecessors had been expelled, succeeded in establishing a factory at Firando. This being soon considered too wide a field, they were removed to the smaller spot of Nangasaki, where they have ever since been allowed to remain under restrictions progressively severe. They have at length been circumscribed as in a prison; allowed, indeed, to carry on a certain portion of trade, but without ever passing the allotted boundaries. All attempts made by other European states have com-

The division of power between the ecclesiastical and military potentate is the most remarkable peculiarity in the government of Japan: the one holds the highest rank, and the first place in the veneration of the whole nation; the other absorbs all the solid realities of power.

The dairi, who resides at Misco, appropriates the whole revenue of that city and its rich adjoining territory. In order, also, that he may maintain the full pomp of a sovereign, a liberal allowance is held due to him out of the general revenue. This, however, is all in the hands of the cubo, who often finds it inconvenient to make the payment, and has recourse to apologies which, whether satisfactory or not, the other has no means of disallowing. Thus, a proud poverty reigns in this

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sacred court, which is greatly increased by the circumstance, that all the members of the blood royal, now amounting to many thousands, must be so maintained as

not to bring contempt upon the race.

The cube, or temporal sovereign of Japan, rules with an authority which admits, in principle, of no limitation. In fact, however, it stands on a very different footing from that of the despotic monarchies of Asia. The provinces are ruled by princes, once warlike and independent, and only reduced, after a hard struggle, to bend to the will of a conqueror. They are obliged to leave the greater part of their family at court as hostages, and themselves to reside there for a great part of the year. When discovered or believed to be engaged in any measure heatile to the government, death is the immediate and it ever and the only mitigation granted is that of being allowed to proceed their own hands.

The laws of Japan, in general, may be said, even more of Draco, to be written in blood. Cutting in pieces nice of belly with a

The knife, immersion in boiling oil, are common modes of parent suffers for the crime of the child, and the child lty. ie parent, Of these violent measures, however, the result really is, the ... rity of person and property is very complete, and that capital punishment ven rendered more rare than in most other nations. Around Nangasaki only, examples of this unrelenting severity continue more frequent, in order to extirpate every remnant of Christianity, and also to punish the instances of contraband traffic which private

interest prompts, in the face of the most rigorous prohibitions.

The Japanese rank with the richest and most industrious nations of Asia, though they confine themselves so entirely to their internal resources. In particular, their fertile roil, and even those parts of it to which nature has been least bountiful, are improved with the most exemplary diligence. The basis of their culture is Chinese; and they resemble that people in the extreme care with which manure is collected. Rice is the pride of Japanese agriculture, and the main staff of life. That which is raised on the best soil is said to be finer, whiter, and more easily preserved, than any other in Asia. Next in utility ranks the daid-su, a species of large bean, which, being made into a pulp, serves like butter as a condiment to season many of their dishes. Wheat and barley are also standard grains, though not to an equal extent.

The tea-plant grows without culture in the hedges; ginger, pepper, sugar, cotton, and indigo, are cultivated with success. The fig and the chestnut are their principal fruits. One of the most valuable trees is the Arusi, which yields the varnish employed in the rich lackered ware peculiar to the country. There are few cattle in Japan: a variety of the buffalo, and some small oxen, are employed in agriculture. The horses are small, but not numerous: dogs abound, and a few

hogs have been brought from China.
The Japanese do not use much animal food, with the exception of fish, of which there is a great variety; and the whale is highly prized by them, more as an article of food than for the oil. The standard food is hot rice-cakes, along with tea

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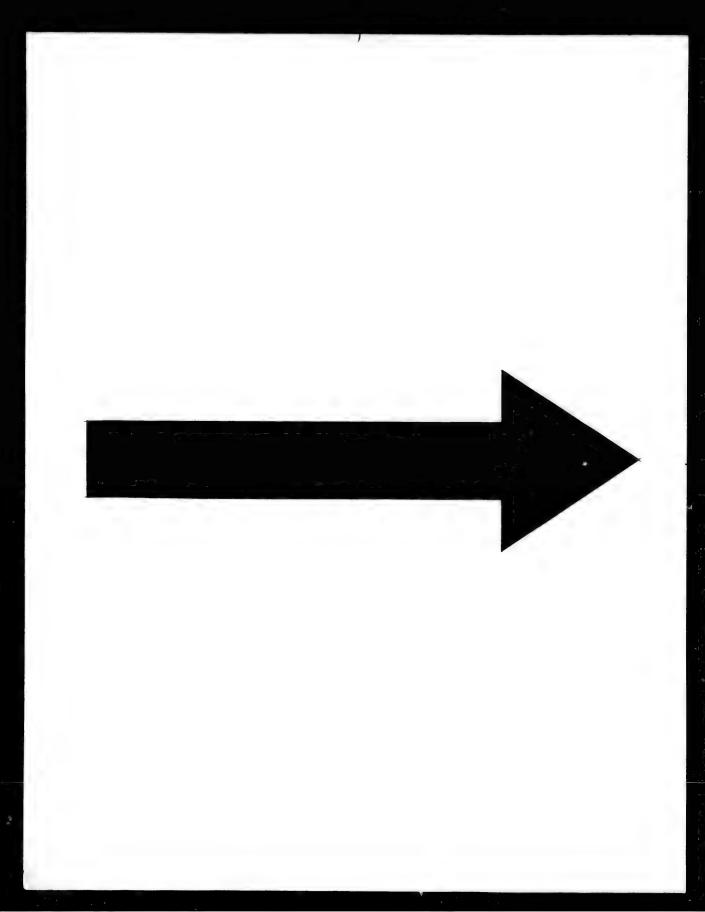
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Japan is considered to be very populous; but statements of the amount are so uncertain as to have been estimated at from 15,000,000 to 50,000,000. Allowing it to be as thickly inhabited as China Proper, it will amount to about the former number. This country is rich in mineral productions, which consist of gold and silver, copper in great abundance and the best in the world, some iron and tin, also sulphur and coal. Pearls and amber are found on the sea-shores in considerable quantities. Manufactures are exerted on the same branches and after the same models as the Chinese. Silk, cotton, porcelain, and lackered ware, in which last they excel, are the chief. They are also well acquainted with the art of working metals and the making of glass.

The Japanese do not themselves carry on foreign commerce, but permit the Chinese and Coreans to trade to Nangasaki; also, the Dutch, who are restricted to a small island, where, subjected to every humiliation, they are allowed to dispose of two annual cargoes. As they make, however, a profit of 20,000l. a year, they continue, notwithstanding some menaces, to brave all the mortifications, and



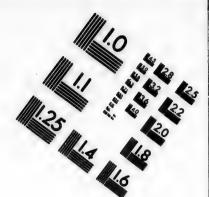
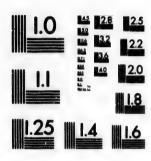
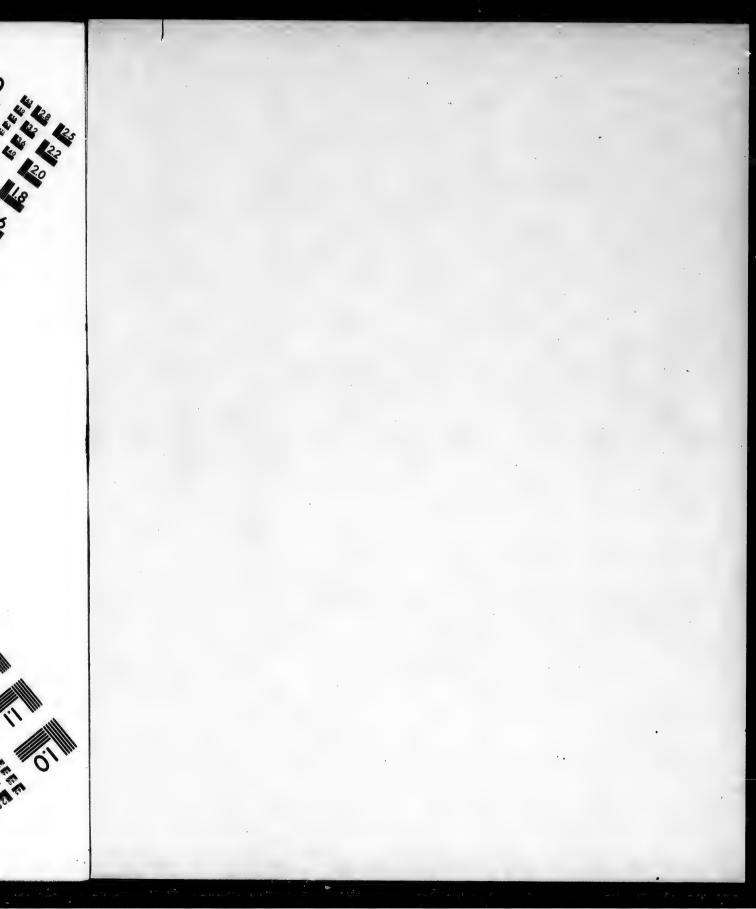


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to the interior of the empire, is very active within that sphere. All the aboves and bays appear crowded with barks, conveying from place to place the various products of the provinces. The roads are excellent, and thronged in an amazing gree; they are kept clean by the mere anxiety of the people to collect the mud manure. The broad and rapid torrents in the mountainous districts are crossed handsome bridges of cedar, well fenced, and always kept in the most perfect

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The Japanese seem, in personal appearance, to be a somewhat altered and improved variety of the Mongols and Chinese. Their eyes are even in a greater degree small, pointed, oblong, sunk in the head, with a deep furrow made by the cyclids; they have almost the appearance of being pink-eyed. Their heads are in general large, and their necks short; their hair is black, thick, and shining from the use of oil. They are, however, robust, well made, active, and easy in their notions. Their complexion, yellow and passing into brown, appears to be entirely produced by the climate; since ladies, who are constantly protected from the heat of the sun, are as white as in Europe.

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The national character is strikingly marked, and strongly contrasted with that which generally prevails throughout Asia. The Japanese differ most especially from the Chinese, their nearest neighbours, notwithstanding the resemblance in form and lineaments. Although they are said to make good subjects, even to the severe government under which they live, they yet retain an impatience of control, and a force of public opinion, which renders it impossible for any ruler wanted. tonly to tyrannize over them. Instead of that mean, artful, and truckling dispoion, so general among Asiatics, their manners are distinguished by a manly frankness, and all their proceedings by honour and good faith. They are habitually kind and good-humoured, when nothing occurs to rouse their hostile passions, and they carry the ties of friendship even to a romantic height. To serve and defend a friend in every peril, and to meet torture and death rather than betray him, is considered as a duty from which nothing can dispense. The greatest detect seems to be pride, which runs through all classes, rises to the highest pitch among the great, and leads them to display an extravagant pomp in their retinue and establishment, and to despise everything in the nature of industry and mercantile employment. Self-murder here, like duelling in Europe, seems to be the point of honour among the great; and the nobles, even when condemned to death by the sovereign, reserve the privilege of executing the sentence with their own hands.

There are two religious in Japan; one native, called the Sintos, at the head of which is the dairi; the other, the Buddha, called here Budso, the same which prevails over all eastern Asia. The Budso gains ascendency by mingling with the original system those attractive accessories which it possesses in common with the Catholic, monasteries, processions, heads, drums, noisy music, and the belief of purgatory; which, though condemned by the pure and orthodox Sintoists, have a general influence over the people. The Sintos profess to believe in a Supreme Ruler of the universe, and among their number is distinguished a class of pure

Italier of the universe, and among their number is distinguished a class of pure and philosophic worshippers, who entertain lofty conceptions of the Deity, and cultivate the practice of virtue as the chief means of gaining his favour. Their belief, however, being thought to resemble the Christian, fell into some discredit when the latter became the object of such deadly persecution.

Pilgrimage is the custom to which the Japanese adhere with the greatest zeal, and from which they promise themselves the greatest benefit, temporal and spiritual. No one can be accounted at all eminent in sanctity, or have any assurance of the forgiveness of his sins, who has not been once a year at leje, the grand temple of the Tensio Dai Sir, or first of the celestial spirits, situated in a province of the same name. The roads in summer are completely choked with the crowds of devout worshippers, on their way to the sacred shrine. As many have not the means of paying their own way, a large proportion betake themselves to begging, and, prostrate on the ground, call out to the rich passengers, "A farthing to carry

The Japanese, in their mode of printing, and their ideas on speculative subjects

are originally Chinese. They are far, however, from displaying the same proud indifference and disdain of everything foreign. Their minds are active, and imbued with the most eager curiosity en all subjects. On the few occasions allowed to them by the jealous rigour of their government, they have harassed Europeans with multiplied questions respecting those branches of knowledge in which they felt and admitted their superiority.

In travelling, the Japanese spend more time than perhaps any other mition. The main roads are said to be usually as crowded as the streets of the most populous cities in Europe. This is owing to their numerous pilgrimages; to the extent of their inland trade; and, most of all, to the immense retinues which attend the princes in their annual journeys to and from the court of the cub. The retinue of one of the very first rank is computed to amount to 20,000, and covers the roads for several miles. That such a retinue may place without inconvenience or collision, all the inns are engaged for a month before; and in all the towns and villages on the route, beards are set up to announce that, or such a day, such a great lord is to pass through.

Jeddo, the capital of Japan, lies at the head of a deep bay on the eastern coast of Niphon, and at the mouth of one of the few rivers which possess any considerable magnitude. It is seven miles long and five broad, and contains many splendid palaces of the great lords, all of whom must reside in it for a great part of the year. The buildings, on account of the frequency of earthquakes, are built of one story only. The palace, however, though equally low, is five leagues in air-cumference, including a wide exterior area occupied by the spacious mansions of the princes and great lords of the court. The city is subject to dreadful fires, one of which, in 1703, consumed 100,000 houses. It is the seat of varied branches of industry, and carries on also a great internal trade.

Mixeo, the spiritual capital of Japan, is still the chief seat of polished manners, refined arts, and intellectual culture. The finest silk stuffs flowered with gold and silver, the richest varnishes, the best painted papers, and the most skilful works in gold, silver, and copper, are here manufactured. It is likewise the centre of literature and science, and most of the works which are published and read in Japan issue from its presses. The lay inhabitants, according to the last enumeration, were 477,000, and the ecclesiastical, including the court, 52,000; making in all, 529,000.

Osaka, at the mouth of the river on which Misco is situated, is a flourishing sea-port, intersected, like Venice, by numerous canals, which are connected by bridges of cedar.

The Japanese have now occupied all the southern parts of the great island of Jesso which are accessible and improveable. Matsmai, the capital, is supposed to contain 50,000 souls.

Nangasaki, that interesting point at which alone this empire comes in contact with any foreign nation, is a large, industrious, trading town. On a small adjoining island the Dutch are allowed to carry on their scanty commerce. They have here a space of 600 feet long by 120 broad, on which they have erected several large storehouses, and rendered them fire-proof. The most unheard-of precautions are taken to prevent any contraband transaction, commercial or political, and it is confidently asserted that these are insufficient to guard against the powerful impulse of self-interest, and that contraband trade is carried on to a considerable extent.

The strong disposition on the part of the Japanese,—stronger even than the similar feeling which prevails in China,—to have the least possible intercourse with Europeans, has doubtless proceeded from their knowledge of the fasts connected with European colonization in India and elsewhere; and however lightly we may esteem the general intellect and polity of these two great Asiatio nations, it can scarcely be doubted that to the rigorous interdiction in question they are indebted for the continuance of their national independence.

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Conamoa is the name recently adopted to designate all the countries which are considered as forming the fifth grand division of the globe. Up to the middle of the last century, and still later, theoretical geographers, from the fanciful idea of the necessity of an equilibrium in the solid parts of the surface of the earth, supposed that a vast continent surrounded the Antarctic Pole; and this imaginary region was called by them Terra Australis. When the errors of these speculative writers were corrected by the voyages and discoveries of Captain Cook, all the islands lying south of Asia and those in the Pacific Ocean had already received peculiar proper names. It did not seem convenient to the geographers of that period to add those islands either to Asia or to America, and they wished, therefore, to devise a name which should comprehend all of these, and at the same time express their position on the globe. The different terms Australia, Australasia, and Oceanica, have been proposed by different writers, of which the last appears to have obtained the ascendency.

The islands composing Oceanica are situated partly to the south of Asia, and partly in the wide Pacific between Asia and America. This portion of the globe began to be discovered after America and the South Seas were known to Europeans. Magellan, who first undertook a voyage round the world, had premised the Spanish monarsh, into whose service he entered when he left the Portuguese, that he would arrive at the Moluccas by sailing westward. On this voyage he discovered, March 6, 1521, the Ladrones, or Mariana Islands, a group which constitutes a part of Oceanica. Magellan must, therefore, be regarded as the first discoverer of this portion of the globe, and opened the way for the subsequent discoveries in this quarter. Three hundred years elapsed before all the islands, which now pass under the name of Oceanica, were known to Europeans.

After Magellan, the Spanish navigators continued the process of discovery in this part of the world, particularly Alvaro de Mendana, who, in the last part of the sixteenth century, discovered the Solomon Islands and the Marquesas, and passed through the Society and Friendly Islands without seeing them. Fernandez de Quiros, who had accompanied him on his third voyage, took a southerly direction, and hit upon the part of the Pacific Ocean which contains the most islan. He made known to the world the Society Islands and Terra del Espiritu Sar. In the seventeenth century, the Dutch began to explore this part of the ocean, and, besides several small islands, discovered the large island of Australia, or New Holland, which received its name from them, although there is some reason for supposing that it had been visited by the Portuguese a hundred years earlier; but their discoveries seem to have been concealed by their government, and afterwards forgotten. Tasman, a Dutchman, and Dampier, an Englishman, continued these discoveries. In the middle of the eighteenth century, the English navigators Byron, Wallis and Carteret, and the French Bougainville, exerted themselves to extend the knowledge of Oceanica. But Captain James Cook, who circumnavigated the world from 1768 to 1779, contributed most to the more accurate examination of this portion of the globe, corrected the knowledge of Europeans with regard to the islands already known, again discovered islands before seen, and was the original discoverer of New Caledonia and the Sandwich Islands. After the time of Cook, both the French and English exerted themselves to give the world a better acquaintance with Oceanica. Among the later navigators Entrecasteaux, Grant, La Peyrouse, Baudin, Flinders, Krusenstern, Kotsebue, Beechey, and Wilkes, have all added to our knowledge of this region.

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Many of these islands are extensive countries, and one of them is about equal in area to Europe. The whole surface of the islands may be estimated at from 4 to 5,000,000 of square miles, an extent perhaps nearly equal to one-tenth part of all the lead on the globe. The population may be estimated at from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000. No portion of the globe has more numerous inequalities of surface,

and it is remarkable that the mountain ranges have all a general direction from north to south. Many of these mountains are volcanic, and are described by navi-gators as often seeming to the mariner to rise like giants, from the bosom of the deep. In no part of the world, are there so many volcances. In Schouten's islands near New Guines, the flames and smoke rise calmly over a fruitful and miling country; in other islands, dreadful torrents of black lava darken the shores. The volcano of Gilolo broke out in 1673 with a violence which made the whole of the Moluccas shake. The sales were carried as far as Magindanao, and the sceria and the pumice-stories, floating on the sea, seemed to retard the progress of the vessels. Several volcanoes are also in constant activity in the Sandwich Islands.

The formation of many of these islands is attributed to the operation of minute insects. All the low islands seem to have for their base a reef of coral rocks. generally disposed in a circular form. In the interior the sand is mixed with pieces of broken coral, and other marine substances, proving that such islands have been originally formed by these coral rocks, which are inhabited and scoording to some created by zoophites, and afterwards augmented and elevated by the slow accumulation of light bodies drifted to them by the see. It is very remarkable that in some of these islands there are elevations of several hundred fact in height, on whose summits these coral rocks are found; this seems to prove that they have been formed by the coral insects at the level of the sea, which has gradually retired and left them exposed.

The climate throughout Oceanica is, for the most part, delightful. Perpetual spring combined with perpetual summer, displays the opening blossom, mingled with the ripened fruits. A perfume of exquisite sweetness embalms the atmophere, which is continually refreshed by the wholesome breezes from the Here might mankind, if they could throw off their vices, lead lives exempt from trouble and from want. Their bread grows on the trees which shade their lawns, and the light barks glide on the tranquil seas, protected from the swelling surge by the coral reefs which enclose them.

The islands of Oceanica afford a very varied vegetation among the trees and plants, of which there are many of great utility to the natives. In the Sunda lelands, the Philippines, and the Moluccas, rice occupies the place of wheat, and the culture of it is probably extended over New Guinea; these also produce in abundance those tropical articles which are of chief importance in commerce; cotton, sugar, pepper, coffee, and spices of all kinds, in greater variety than in any other part of the world. Farther to the east, in the islands of Polynesis, there are several exceeding useful esculent roots and plants, which grow either spontaneously or under the influence of culture. The yam, the taro, the sweet potatoe, the plantain, and the banana, all more or less answer the double purpose of bread and vegetables. The most important product of these islands is the bread-fruit tree, the trunk of which rises to the height of 40 feet, and attains the thickness of a man's body. The fruit is as large as a child's head: gathered before it is fully ripe, and baked among ashes, it becomes a wholesome bread somewhat resembling fresh wheat bread in taste. The cocca-nut is, after the bread-fruit tree, the most serviceable; it grows equally well in the richest and in the most barren soils, and in its fruit, its wood, its leaves, and its fibres, it is equally subservient to the wants and necessities of the people. Beside the articles enumerated, fruits of various kinds abound, and of excellent quality; the chief are oranges, shaddocks, and limes, citrons, pine and custard apples, guavas, figs, &c. In the colonies of Australia and Van Diemen's Land, the principal European grains and vegetables have been introduced and grow in great perfection.

The people of Oceanica are divided into two races, distinct in origin, language, aspect, and character, and irreconcileably hostile to each other; the brown and the black races. They bear the same analogy that the white and the negro bear in the western regions; the former, superior in intelligence and power, driving the other before him, oppressing and reducing him to bondage. Thus, in all the great islands the brown race has now established a decided and undisputed supe-

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The black race called often the Papuas or Oriental Negroes, appear to be a dwarf variety of the negro of Africa. They are of low stature and feeble frame, generally under, and seldom, or never exceeding five feet in height. The colour is noty rather than black; the woolly hair grows in small tufts, with a spiral twist. The forehead is higher, the nose more projecting, the upper lip longer and more prominent. The nuder lip is protruded, and forms indeed the lower part of the face, which has scarcely the vestige of a chin. This degraded class of human beings is generally diffused through New Guinea, New Holland, and other large islands of the Pacific. Their habits have been very little observed, Europeans having only had occasional individuals presented to them as objects of curiosity. Little is recorded except the ferocity with which they wage their ceaseless war with the brown races, who have driven them from all the finer parts of this region. The brown, or Malay tribes, especially those which inhabit the islands of Malaysia, are short, squat, and robust, being reckoned, on an average, four inches

The brown, or Malay tribes, especially those which inhabit the islands of Malaysis, are short, squat, and robust, being reckoned, on an average, four inches lower than the European standard. There are considerable varieties of colour and appearance, which can hardly be accounted for by the climate. These islanders are rather an ugly race; their frame is deficient in symmetry, their lower limbs large and heavy. The face is round; the mouth wide, but with fine teeth; the cheek-bones high, the nose short and small; the eyes are small, and always black. The hair is long, lank, harsh, always black, and, except on the head, extremely deficient.

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The Malays of Sumatra, Java, Borneo, &c., are generally Mahometans, much addicted to piracy, in their disposition daring, restless, ferocious, and violicitve; to enemies remorseless; to friends capricious; and to strangers treacherous. Amongst them gambling and games of hazard are pursued with an intense degree of passion. Every man goes armed with a crees, or dagger, which he regards as the instrument both of defending himself and avenging his wrongs. The right of private revenge is claimed by every individual for injuries received either by himself, his family, or tribe. When circumstances deprive him of any hope of avenging himself with ease and safety, he has recourse to that dreadful outrage peculiar to these islands, termed running a much. The individual under this impulse draws his dagger and runs through the house or into the street, stabbing without distinction every one he meets till he himself is killed or taken. This movement is always sudden, indicated by no previous looks or gestures, and from motives which it is often difficult to discover. The police officers, in contemplation of these violences, are provided with certain forked instruments, with which they arrest and secure the offender.

The inhabitants of the Polynesian islands, though of the same race, are much more distinguished for beauty and regularity of form than those of Malaysia. Their complexion is sometimes not darker than that of the Spaniards and Italians. Social life, among these islanders, presents peculiar and picturesque aspects. Instead of those fierce and gloomy propensities which usually avay the breast of savage tribes, their manners are distinguished by a courtesy, galety, and amenity, which, combined with the beauty and abundance with which the land is gifted, made it appear to the first voyagers like a terrestrial paradise. These flattering appearances, however, proved in many respects to be very fallacious. Amid the lavish kindness with which Europeans were greeted, they soon discovered an universal propensity to pilfering, while the virtue of the female sex was not proof against nails, buttons, or the most insignificant toys. These faults were, doubtless, aggravated by the attractive nature of these new and tempting objects; but it was, moreover, soon evident, that their dances and other amusements were conducted in a manner the most revolting to decorum, and that there existed in Otaheite a society called arreoy, who made it a regular system to have wives in common, and to put their offspring to death. Nor was infanticide the only practice marked by the ferocity of savage life. In many of the islands cannibalism is still practised, and in the most polished there remain traces of its former existence. The people of the Sandwich and Friendly Islands were at first considered more respectable; but their character, on further acquaintance, was found to be stained with practices equally revolting.

The native religion of those islanders may be ranked amongst the darhost forms of superstition. It not only gives no support to virtue, but affords full sanction to the most cruel and dissolute practices. Even the flagitious encicty of arreoy was supposed to possess a peculiar sanctity. Not only animals were offered in profusion, but human victims were universally sacrificed on the bloody altars of the Polynesian divinities. One of the observances which most powerfully influenced their habitual existence was that of teboo, a species of prohibition, which a person, in honour of his favourite divinity, may impose upon himself, upon any part of his body, his house, his boat, or whatever belongs to him.

European intercourse, during the present century, has effected a remarkable change upon these islands. Among the most active agents, have been the English and American Missionaries. Another cause may be found in the increase number principally of American and British whaling and trading vess frequent, of late years, the various islands and ports of these regions. Hence the harbours of some, particularly the Sandwich islands, are oftentimes crowded with seels, and American merchants have even settled in their ports. The mariners and missionaries, two very opposite characters, do not always act in unison, or report very favourably of each other; but they have combined in producing a somewhat grotesque mixture of the arts, manners, and civilization of Europe, with the rude and licentious habits to which the people were previously addicted. The missionaries have attained a predominant influence in many of these islands. Spacious churches have been built, which the natives frequent, decently dres and with a serious and reverential air. Still the missionaries candidly admit that much is yet wanting, both as to Christian knowledge and conduct. The observance of the Sabbath, which is the most conspicuous part of their religious practice, seems, in a good measure, connected with their ancient veneration for any thing taboxed. Captain Beechey alleges that they venerate their bibles, in some degree, rather as household gods, means of mysterious protection, than as sources of instruction. Yet, on the whole, it is undeniable that the grossest superstitions have been demolished, that human victims no longer bleed, that the arreoy society is broken up, infanticide has ceased, and public decorum is generally observed. The missionaries have introduced letters into these islands, where, previously, nothing of that nature existed; neither hieroglyphics, pictorial representations, nor symbols of any description. As soon as Christianity was established, they set on foot schools; and the natives applied themselves with extraordinary ardour to this new acquisition. Mr. Ellis tells us, that "aged chiefs and priests, and hardy warriors, with their spelling-books in their hands, might be seen sitting, hour after hour, on the benches in the schools, by the side, perhaps, of some smiling boy or girl, by whom they were thankful to be taught the use of letters." Yet, after the first novelty was over, considerable difficulty has been found in obtaining regular attendance, which yet is anxiously desired, not only with a view to instruction, but for forming the youth to regular habits. Still a considerable number have thus attained a competent knowledge of reading, writing, and arith-

The animal kingdom of Oceanica affords only a few specimens of the great quadrupeds common to the other divisions of the globe. It possesses, however, several species which are peculiar, and not found elsewhere. The most remarkable is the Ouran Outang, or wild man of the woods. He is not very common, and is mostly found in Borneo. He is from 3 to 4½ feet in height, and nearly covered with a brownish red hair. He is incapable of walking erect, but seems peculiarly fitted for climbing trees. In his habita, he is very similar to a common monkey. The Pongo, supposed by some naturalists to be the Ouran Outang of mature age, is six or seven feet in height, and is very formidable, from its strength and flerceness. This animal is a native of Sumatra and Borneo. The long-armed ape, or Siamang, is found in troops in Sumatra; they are headed by a chief, who is considered invulnerable by the Malays: these animals assemble at sunrises, and make the woods echo with their wild and peculiar cry. In captivity, they are remarkably tractable. The singular Proboscis Monkey is distinguished

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from all others by having a long projecting nose, giving to the head of the animal the appearance of a ludicrous mask.

The Malay Tapir is in size nearly equal to the Buffalo, and is particularly distinguished by its colour; the fore and hind parts being glossy black, while the body has a broad and well-defined belt of white extending nearly round it, resembling a piece of white lines thrown upon the animal. Its disposition is so mild and gentle, that it will become as tame and familiar as a dog. The Babyroussa Hog, found in Borneo and the adjacent islands, has much of the manner of the g: it is said to swim remarkably well, and even to pass from one island to anpig: it is said to swim remarkably well, and even up per little to a saint or an other; the tusks are enormous, and appear more like curled horns rising out of the jaws than teeth. The Javanese Genet, or Coffee Rat, has obtained the latter name or account of its fondness for coffee; in pilfering this berry, it selects only the ripest and most perfect, which, being discharged unchanged, are eagerly collected by the natives, as the coffee is thus obtained without the tedious process of shelling. It also commits depredations on various description of fruits, especially pine-apples. If taken young, it soon becomes gentle and docile, and readily sub-

pine-apples. If taken young, it soon becomes gentle and docile, and readily subsists on either animal or vegetable food.

The Kangaroo, of which there are many varieties, occurs only in New Holland: the largest is about the size of a full-grown sheep, and moves by springing 30 feet at a leap, which it is enabled to do by the great length and strength of its hind legs. The female of all the different varieties is provided with an abdominal pouch, similar to that of the opossum, for the reception of the young. The flesh of this animal is much esteemed for food, which is said to resemble motion. The Kangaroo is very timid, and flies from man, seeking instant concealment. The Dingo, or New Holland Dog, is never known to bark: it is flerce, active, and voracious; runs with the tail carried horizontally, the head elevated, and the ears erect. One that was brought alive to England leaped on the back of an ass, and would have destroyed it. The Emeu is a native of New Holland, and is somewhat like the Cassowary. It is of the same general character as the ostrich, and is next to it in size; it runs with great swiftness, by the aid of its wings. The Emeu is found in New Holland, and is sometimes hunted for its flesh, which has the flavour of beef. This bird has been transported to Europe, and is now has the flavour of beef. This bird has been transported to Europe, and is now bred in the king's park at Windsor. The Black Swan is found in New Holland and Van Diemen's Land. In form and habits it is similar to the White Swan, but somewhat smaller. The duck-billed Platypus, is a most singular animal. It is about the size of a cat, covered with fur and web-footed; instead of a mouth furnished with teeth, it has the bill of a duck. It lives in watery and muddy spots. The foot of the male is armed with a spur, through which passes a poisonous liquor, rendering the animal dangerous: these creatures not only lay eggs, but also suckle their young.

The island of Sumatra contains several species of the Tiger; two of the Rhinoceros, one of which is the two-horned species; also the Elephant, which in a wild state is numerous in the woods: it is only at Acheen that a few have been trained to the service of man. Besides these animals, we might name, as inhabitants of the Oceanic Islands, parrots of great beauty, the bird of paradise, serpents which frequent the shores, and are often seen at sea several miles from land; and many others. Dogs, hogs, and rats, were found by the first navigators in most of the larger islands. Domestic cattle, rabbits, cats, mice, &c. have been introduced from Europe.

The language of the great mass of the inhabitants of Oceanica is the Malay and its various dialects, which has been traced and found to exist more or less from Sumatra elmost to the shores of South America. The varieties of this tongue are so similar, that the natives of islands far distant from each other converse when they meet with great case. The frequent occurrence of vowels and liquids renders it so soft and harmonious, that it has been called the Italian of the east. From this character and the extensive commerce of the Malays, it has become in some measure a universal language on the coast and islands of Eastern Asia: it contains many words derived from the Sanscrit, Persian, and Arabian

Oceanica comprises three great subdivisions: viz. Malaysia, Australasia, and Polynesia: the details of each of these will be considered under their respective heads.

This region extends from the north-west point of Sumatra to the 156° of west longitude, and from the 40° of north to the 50° of south latitude; comprising 160 degrees of longitude, or about 11,000 miles in length, and 90 degrees of latitude, or 6210 miles in breadth.

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MALAYSIA.

Malayar, called also the North-East Oceanica, and likewise the East Indian archipelago, comprises those numerous islands lying south-eastward from, and nearly approaching to, the great continent of Asia. The name is derived from the Malaya, the principal and predominant race in this region. The islands are Sumatra, Java, and Borneo, usually called the Sunda Isles, together with Celobes, the Moluccas or Spice islands, and the Philippines, besides other smaller groups and islands. Malaysia is bounded on the north by the Malayan sea and the bay of Bengal, south by Australasia, east by Polynesia, and west by the Indian ocean and Chinese sea. The population of these islands cannot, except in the instances of Java and the Philippines, be estimated with any degree of certainty. The whole is probably about 13,500,000, of which Java has been found to contain 6,000,000, the Philippine islands 2,500,000, Sumatra may be reckoned at 2,500,000, Borneo 500,000, Celebes and its appendages 1,000,000, Bally, Lombok, Scoloo, &c. 500,000, and Timor and the Spice islands, &c. nearly 500,000.

THE SUNDA ISLANDS.

Sumatra, the largest of these islands, is separated by a narrow strait from the peninsula of Malaya, or Malacca. It is about 1000 miles long, and is intersected by the equator. A chain of high mountains, some of which are volcanic, extends through its whole length. The coasts are low, marshy, and unhealthy. The country is divided into several petty kingdoms; in the north part of the island is Acheen, in the east Siak, and to the south Palembang and Lampong. The governments are generally hereditary despotisms. The interior is inhabited by several different tribes, of whom the Battas, accounted in some respects comparatively civilized, yet practise cannibalism among them. A part of the sentence of criminals is to be eaten, which is invariably performed. Pepper is the principal product, which is raised and exported in large quantities; the other production are cassis, camphor, sago, rice, coffee, and various fruits. The Dutch have settlements at Bencoolen, Palembang, and Padang. The whole island is supposed to contain 2,500,000 inhabitants.

Sumatra is begirt with a number of islands, of which those on the west side have a mountainous and rugged aspect. The inhabitants bear but little affinity to those of the great island; they have more analogy to those of the eastern part of this region, and also to the islanders of Polynesia. Sago, instead of rice, is the staple food. The people, called by the Malaya, Mantaway, tattoo their akina, and speak a language quito different from that of Sumatra. Off the eastern coast are numerous islands, of which Pulo, Lingin, and Bintang have been long known to the Malaya as a great seat both of commerce and piracy. They are ruled by a sultan, resident at "Lingin, who acknowledges the supremacy of the Dutch, and has lately ceded to them in full sovereignty, the islet of Rhio, separated from Bintang by a narrow channel. Rhio being made a free port, has acquired great importance, both as an entrepôt and a place of refreshment. Its population amounts now to about 6000. The island of Banca derives its sole importance from its mines of tin. It was a dependency of Palembang till the Dutch lately erected it, with Billiton, into a separate residence or province. The latter is distinguished by its mines of iron, the most valuable in this quarter; and nails made from it are exported to the neighbouring islands.

Java, which lies south-east from Sumatra, is separated from it by the straits of

Sunda, and is 630 miles in length. It is almost wholly volcanic, and is mountainsunta, and we see in tength: It is amount whoshy voiceme, and is mountainous throughout its whole length: the northern coast is low and marshy, and the
southern rocky and precipitous. The climate in the low parts is very unhealthy;
the soil is exceedingly fertile, producing sugar, coffee, rice, pepper, spices, indigo,
cotton, and fruits. In no part of the world is vegetation more luxuriant. A great
portion of the island is under the government of the Dutch; but the southern extremity, which is in the possession of the natives, contains the two native states. of Jogo-Karta and Solo-Karto, fragments of the empire of Mataram, which for-merly held sway over the greater part of Java. The first is supposed to contain 1,000,000 of subjects, and the latter 700,000. The two capitals bearing the same

name with the kingdoms, are each estimated to contain 100,000 inhabitants. The whole population of the island is about 6,000,000.

Batavia, the capital, was formerly a large and magnificent city, but is now much decayed. It is built on a low spot, and the streets are traversed by canals, in the manner of the cities of Holland. It has long been famed for its unbealthiness. yet it still enjoys a large commerce, and contains 60,000 inhabitants. The other chief towns are Sourabays, Charibon, and Samarang. Bantam was formerly an important place, but is now decayed. Java has been divided into twenty districts or residences, including the island of Madura, which forms one of them. The latter

residence, including the stand or manders, which forms one or them. The latter is governed by three native princes, under the control of the Dutch. The people of this island profess the Hindoo religion.

Eastwards from Java extends a range of islands, of which they seem almost a continuation; they are Bally, Lombock, Sumbawa, Jeendana, Mangeray, Floris, Sabroo, Solor, Lomblem, Pautar, Ombay, Wetter, and Timor; the last is held jointly in possession by the Dutch and Portuguese. Coepang is the principal settlement of the first, and Deily of the last. Sumbawa contains the kingdom of Dime tributeswith the Dutch also matter allows which is 100% committed. Bima, tributary to the Dutch, also an active volcano, which, in 1815, committed

Borneo is, next to Australia, the largest island in the world, being near 900 miles in length, and 700 in breadth. It is well-gifted by nature, the mountains of the interior, 8000 feet high, by giving rise to numerous streams, entirely secure it from aridity. Its products are rice, pepper, cinnamon, coffee, &c. Gold and diamonds are found, and coal is abundant. The inhabitants of the coasts are Malays, Javanese, and Bugis or natives of Celebes, all of whom are Mahometans. The interior is inhabited by the Dyaks, and other independent tribes, between whom and the people of the coast, there is constant war. The population is supposed to be about 500,000. The principal trade is at Benjar Massin, a port of 6000 or 7000 inhabitants, the capital of a kingdom under the control of the Dutch. Borneo, the capital of a state which, during its greatness, gave its name to the whole island, is now much decayed, but still contains 10 or 12,000 inhabit-Succadana, Pontiana, &c are places of some trade; the latter with 5000

Eastward of the coast of Bornen, extends the Sooloo archipelago, containing 27 islands, with an estimated population of 300,000 inhabitants, and who are all devoted to piracy; and from 300 to 400 vessels, whose crews amount to 10,000 men,

are continually issuing forth in this flerce and perilous occupation; the Sooloos are the Algerines of the eastern seas.

Celebes lies east of Borneo; it is very irregular in shape, and contains 55,000 square miles. It is mountainous, with several volcances. The inhabitants are active, industrious, and robust, and are madly devoted to games of chance. The population is reckoned at 1,000,000, who are mostly of the Mahometan faith. The government is an elective monarchy, the real power being in the hands of the he-reditary chiefs. The Maccassars and Bugis are the two principal races, the latter are at present the rulers; those of Boney are the most warlike, and those of Wa-goo the most commercial. Maccassar is a city and territory at the south end of the island in the possession of the Dutch. The soil is very fertile, producing

rice, cotton, cloves, nutmegs, sago, ebony, &c.

The Molucca or Spice islands were originally the small islands of Ternate,
Tidor, Motis, Machian, and Batchian, lying off the west coast of Gilolo, but they

now include the latter, together with Oby, Ceram, Amboyns, Boors, and the Banda isles; they derive celebrity from producing the precious commodities of cloves, nutmega, and mace. Gilolo, called also Almaheira, is the largest of the group, and presents the usual spectacle in these regions, of a rude people governed by a number of turbulent chieftains. Ceram is mostly under the power of a single prince, who is tributary to the Dutch. Amboyna is the chief European settlement, and is the only island where, until lately, the clove was permitted to be raised. The town of Amboyna contains 7000 inhabitants.

The Philippine islands form an extensive group of twe large and nine small islands, situated north-east of Borneo. Few countries are more favoured as to only and climate. Though placed but little north of the equator, the height of the mountains and the ocean breezes preserve them from suffering under any manufacture.

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mountains and the ocean breezes preserve them from suffering un vere or scorching heat. They produce most of the staple tropical articles, sugar, rice, tobacco, coffee, cinnamon, &c. . The largest of this group are Luzon and Mindanao: the others are Samar, Negros, Leyte, Mindore, Panay, Bobol, Zebu, Masbate, and Burlos. The islands belong to Spain; the great majority, however, of the inhabitants are of the native races, of which the most improved are the Tagalas; another is the Bisayans; there are also in the interior of the larger islands a considerable number of negroes of the Papuan race. Manilla is the capital of Luzon and of the whole group, and contains, with its suburba, 180,000 inhabitants. Its imports and experts are each about 1,000,000 dollars annually.

The Cocce, or Keeling islands, are several small islands lying in the usual track of American and European ships to China; they are about 700 miles south-west from the western entrance of the straits of Sunda, and have lately been taken corression of by two English gentlemen, who intend, by the introduction of la-couriers, to cultivate and render them productive. The climate, though warm, is salubrious, and the water good and abundant. The chief native product is the cocca-nut, which abounds in great profusion. Many plants, fruits, &c. suitable to

the climate have been introduced, and found to succeed well.

AUSTRALASIA.

Australia or New Holland, Van Diemen's Land, New Zealand, Papua or New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, Solomon's Archipelago, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, &c. Of these, Australia is by far the most extensive, attaining even to the importance of a continent. Although nothing but vague conjecture can be resorted to in estimating the numerical amount of the inhabitants of this region, they have, notwithstanding, been reckoned at from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000, and most probably do not exceed the first

ated amount. The area is generally estimated at about 3,500,000 square miles.

Australia, formerly New Holland, the largest island in the world, extends from 10° to 39° S. lat., and from 113° to 153° E. lon. It is 2600 miles in length, and contains 3,000,000 square miles. The whole island is claimed by the British government, who have named it Australia, and laid it off into two great division verment, who have ment it Australia, and last it of into two great divisions, the separating line of which is the 135° of longitude east from Greenwich. The western division retains the old name, New Holland, and the eastern is called New South Walca. In the south-east part of this division is the settlement founded in 1787, and known as the Botany Bay Colony, to which numbers of criminals were, until 1840, banished from Great Britain. The convicts labour during the term for which they were sentenced, on the expiration of which they may commence for themselves. Many have become virtuous and useful citizens, and some

have even acquired a respectable competency.

The colony extends along the coast about 300 miles, and contains a number of towns. The capital, Sydney, has a fine situation, a good harbour, and had a population, in 1841, of 30,000. In the year 1840 the impute of 100 tolony were to the amount of £2,468,858; exports the same year, £1,551,574 of 100 millions, to the



amount of 7,668,060 pounds was the chief item; the next most important were whale oil and whalebone, the produce of the southern whale fishery.

A settlement was commenced, in 1829, on the opposite gide of Australia, at Swan river. The sountry is rether dry and sandy, but is considered favourable for rearing cattle. Population, about 3006. Several small towns have been laid off, which are Freemantle, Perth, Guilford, Peel, &c. South-east of the above, at King George's Sound, is the small settlement of Albany: eight or nine hundred miles east of this settlement is the colony of South Australia, founded in 1836, on the west coast of the island, almost due west from Sydney. It was setablished by the South Australian Company, to whem a large tract of land has been granted by the British covernment, the proceeds of which are to be soulided to the conveying the British government, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the conveying of free settlers to the colony. No convicts are to be sent to this quarter. The population, in 1841, was estimated at 12,000, of whom a portion were Germans. Adelaide, the chief town of South Australia, is laid out near the west coast of the Gulf of St. Vincent. It was founded in 1837; it contains a few temporary public buildings, and a number of private dwellings. The bank of South Australia is established here. Gleneig and Kingscote are small towns recently laid out; the latter is situated on Kangaroo island.

Farther to the south-east is the colony of Port Philip, the most recent eattlement founded in this quarter. Its progress has been unusually rapid. "The population, in 1844, was estimated at 20,000. Melbourne, the chief town, has 8000 inhabitants: Portland Bay and Gelong are smaller towns. The exports from this

Inhabitants: Fortiand Bay and Gelong are smaller towns. The exports from this district are about £300,000 annually, nearly all of which is of woel. The colonists own 1,500,000 sheep, 100,000 head of cattle, and 4600 horses.

Van Diemen's Land, or Tasmania, is an island lying south of Australia, about 300 miles long and 150 wide. Area, 37,192 aquare miles. It is in some places mountsinous and well watered, and contains much good soil. A settlement was established here in 1804. It continued until 1835 an appendage to New South Wales, but has now a separate government. The colony is in a flourishing state. Its imports, in 1840, were to the value of £788,356; of exports, £867,007. Population, in 1838, 45,846, of whom about one-third were convicts. It is divided into 15 districts. The chief towns are Hobarton. Elizabeth Town. Macquarie into 15 districts. The chief towns are Hoberton, Elizabeth Town, Macquarie Town, Launceston, George Town, &c. The first is the capital. Population, in

1938, 14,392.

New Zealand comprises three islands lying to the south-east of Australia, containing altogether about 63,000 square miles. The two largest of them are separated from each other by Cook's Strait; and the southermost and smallest, from the middie island, by Foyeaux Strait. Ranges of mountains extend through both the larger islands, and rise in some cases to the height of 12,000 or 14,000 feet. The soil, where level, is very fertile. The products are Indian corn, yams, potatose, and a species of very strong flax, highly serviceable for clothing, cordage, &c. The natives are a finely-formed race of savages, but very warlike and ferocious; all of them were, and some still are, cannibals. In the northern island, missionary labours were commenced in 1815: there are several stations at which a number of New Zealand youth have been educated, and others are receiving instruction. The natives in the vicinity of the missions are beginning to cultivate the soil in a regular manner; to breed cattle; and are also acquiring a taste for European clothing and comforts. The introduction of fire-arms has had the effect of diminishing their wars, in consequence of the strong and the weak being brought more nearly to an equality than formerly. The natives of these islands have in many instances been employed on board of whaling and other vessels, and found to be tractable and serviceable. Some of them have likewise been employed as labourers at Sydney, and are much esteemed, having no propensity for spirituous

In the year 1840 New Zealand was annexed to the British empire, under the title of the Colony of New Zealand. The northern island (Eahei Nomauwe), is now called New Ulster, the middle island (Tavai Poenamoo), New Munster, and the southern island (Stewart's), New Leinster. The native population is about \$00,000, and the British 15,000. Auckland, on the northern island is the capital. Wellington, New Plymouth, and Nelson, are colonial towns recently laid out.

Papua, or New Guinea, lice north of Australia, and is 1900 miles in length. It is believed to be one of the most fertile countries in the world, but is as yet little known. The whole island is covered with palm-trees and timber of large size. The cocca-nut, bread-fruit, pine-apple, and plaintain, are found here; the nutnegralso grows wild, but it is not known whether it produces good spice. It is said that there are no quadrupeds in Papua, except dogs, wild cats, and hogs, and that to the east of Gilolo no horned animals, of any description, are found. The population consists of the Papuan or Oriental negroes, rather more advanced than those of New Holland, mingled with the still ruder race of the Haraforus, who inhabit the interior mountains. The inhabitants of Borneo and Celebes often make inroads upon the people and carry them off as slaves. Louisiade, lying south of New Guinea, formerly supposed to be a single island, consists of a number of islands of various sizes, inhabited by a rude and warlike people.

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existence, and they are all but imperfectly known to the civilized world.

New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, &c., have a fertile soil, and are well peopled. The natives of New Ireland are a very warlike race, and are said to have canose 80 feet long, formed out of a single tree. Solomon's Archipelago comprises a number of islands of various dimensions, of which those called New Georgia are extensive. The inhabitants are warlike; they appear to be under the control of an absolute prince, and are said to be cannibals.

The New Hebrides consist of numerous clusters of islands which are covered with high mountains, some of which are volcanic. The soil is extremely fertile and finely watered by numerous rivulets. The inhabitants have been estimated at 200,000, divided into different tribes, who are almost at perpetual war with each other.

New Caledonia is the most southern of the group of islands extending from New Guinea. It is traversed by a range of mountains of considerable elevation. The soil is not so fertile as some of the other islands. The population, which is almost wholly confined to the coast, is reckoned at from 30,000 to 50,000.

Norfolk Island, about 1000 miles from Sidney, and 400 north-west from New Zealand, is a penal settlement, to which convicts are sent who have been found guilty of crimes committed in New South Wales, and sentenced to hard labour for life or for a long period. The number here is 500; the whole population being about 800, including the military, &c. The soil is fertile, and the climate similar to that of Portugal.

A little to the north-east of New Georgia are found the Massacre Islands, so named by their discoverer, Captain Morrell, of New York. They are a group of small low islands inhabited by cannibals, who are a large muscular race of men, very active, and nearly as dark-skinned as Africans. They are well armed, cunning, and treacherous, and succeeded in killing and devouring fourteen of Captain Morrell's crew. They took one of them prisoner, who remained 15 weeks among the savages, and, on a second visit of Captain Morrell, succeeded in rejoining him, after enduring the most painful sufferings. The islands are well wooded, and abound in the usual productions of these regions.

POLYNESIA.

POLYNMMA, signifying the many isles, or Eastern Oceanica, is the name now generally given to the numerous groups of islands with which a great part of the Pacific Ocean is studded. While the islands composing Australasia are of such magnitude as to approach the character of continents, those of Polynesia are so small that most of them can scarcely aspire above the diminutive appellation of

islets; yet they are so numerous, and follow in such close succession, that they may properly be considered as a region of the globe, bearing a peculiar aspect and character.

This division of Oceanica comprises the Ladrone and Caroline Islands, and those This division of Oceanica comprises the Ladrone and Caroline Islands, and those of the Central Archipelago; also the Sandwich, Marquesas, or Washington, Society, Georgiau, Pearl, and Palliser's islands, together with the Friendly, the Austral, and Hervey's islands, besides many other small groups and scattered islands. The population of this "agion has never been estimated except by the most uncertain conjectures. Those formed by Cook and other navigators would lead to the belief that 1,500,000 might probably be about the amount, but more recent observations, particularly those of the Missionaries, leave no doubt that this number is greatly exaggerated, and that about 500,000 will be a more accurate approximation. mation.

THE LADRONE, OR MARIAN ISLANDS.

Taxon islands lie north of the Carolines, and were the first known of the islands in this region, having been discovered by Magellan, in 1512. They are covered for the most part with the rich vegetation peculiar to this climate, and have been highly extolled by some navigators as forming almost a paradise. The original inhabitants have been nearly exterminated in their wars with the Spaniards, who endeavoured to impose on them their yoke and religion. The climate is mild and healthful, though, like the Carolines, subject to violent hurricanes. The people of the Ladrone Islands possess cances which are the admiration of sailors, being so skilfully constructed as to sail, with a side wind, 20 miles an hour.

THE CAROLINE ISLANDS.

THE CARCINE ISLANDS form an extensive end numerous group on the north side of the Equator; they extend, from east to west, upwards of 30 dogrees of longitude, and are among the most imperfectly known of any islands in the Pa-cific Ocean, and are situated in a most tempestuous ocean, exposed to frequent hurricanes, some of which often sweep away the entire produce of an island, yet the people are still more at home on the waves than even the rest of the South Sea islanders, and are distinguished by their skill in navigation. The greater part of the Caroline Islands are low and of coral formation.

The Palson, or Pelew Islands, are the most western group of the Carolines. They are of moderate elevation and well wooded: they became an object of interest in Great Britain by the shipwreck, in 1783, of Captain Wilson, in the Antelope, when he was received and his wants supplied with the most generous kindness. Abba Thulle, the king, with an enlightened desire to improve his people by a knowledge of the arts and attainments of Europe, sent along with the Cap-tain his son, Prince Le Boo, who delighted the society of the metropolis by the amiable simplicity of his manners; but, unfortunately, he was seized with the small-pox and died. In Captain Wilson's narrative, the Pelew Islanders were represented in the most pleasing colours, but subsequent navigators who have visited these shores, draw a completely opposite picture, representing these people as displaying all the bad qualities incident to savage life.

CENTRAL ARCHIPELAGO.—This name has been applied from their central situation to a number of detached groups, extending to a great distance, chiefly to the south-east from the Caroline Islands, consisting mostly of Mitchell's, Ellices' and De Peyster's groups, the Taswell's Islands, also Gilbert's Archipelago, Scarborough's Range, and the Mulgrave Islands: the two last form a group so closely adjoining on the west to the Carolines, that they can scarcely be considered otherwise than as a branch of that great archipelago. They comprise a vast number of small islands, in many cases mere rocks, of which the western division is termed the Radack, and the eastern the Ralick chain. Nearly all the islands forming the great Central Archipelago are peopled up to the limited resources which nature affords. The natives are generally described as friendly, courteous, and amiable, free from the thievish propensities and dissolute conduct which are

common in many of the other islands. These are generally destitute of land animals, except rats, which are numerous, and often eaten as food,

The Sambwich Islambs, now the most important of any in this quarter of the globe in relation to the civilized world, have been long known as a place of resort for American whaling ships, and have also, for some time past, excited general interest on account of the important change taking place in the manners, sustams, and character of the people. These islands are ten in number, of which eight only are inhabited. They form as it were a solitary cluster, far to the north and

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Hawaii, or Owhyhee, the largest of the group, and also the largest island in Polynesia, occupies 4500 square miles of the 7000 constituting the area of the whole. The aspect of these islands is grand and sublime; some of the mountains rise to an alpine height, and have their summits wrapt in perpetual snow: those of Mouna Kaah and Mouna Rou, are the most elevated of any insular mountains in the world, being respectively 18,400 and 16,474 feet in height. Volcances are numerous in this group, and many of them in constant activity. The soil is exceedingly fertile, and yields abundantly the bread-fruit, sugar-cane, cocos-nut, sweet potatoes, &c. The natives are tall and robust, especially the chiefs, who are here, as in most of the other islands, a superior race: they had long evinced a strong desire to become acquainted with European arts and civilization, and in 1819 they renounced idolatry and burned their idols: this, and the circumstance of several of the natives having been educated in the United States, induced the missionary societies in this country to send out ministers of the gospel to impart to them the religion and arts of civilization: the most signal success has attended their exertions, and strong hopes may now be indulged that the people of these islands will, at no remote period, be ranked among civilized and christian nations. A large proportion of the population have been instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic: churches have been erected; the press has been for some time in operation, at which school-books, the scriptures, newspapers, and periodicals are printed in the language of the country; the useful arts have been introduced, and a gradual improvement in the morals and manners of the people has taken place. The town of Honolulu, in the island of Oahu, contains about 6500 inhabitants, of whom a number are Anglo-Americans and English. Great commercial activity prevails here; many European and American slips, &c., are always in the port: a considerable number of small vessels also belong to the natives. Some of the houses at Honolulu are built of stone; and hotels, billiards, and an ordinary at 1 o'clock, strikingly testify the transportation of European habits into this lately remote and savage region. The Sandwich Islands Gazette is printed in English.

The following table shows the area and population of the separate islands:-

Total, 144,000.

•	Sq. miles.	Population.
Hawaii (Owhyhee)	4,500	85,000
Maui (Mowee)	600	20,000
Oahu (Woahoo)	520	20,000
Kauai, or Tauai, (Atooi)	520	12,000
Morakai (Morotoi)	170	3,000
Ranai (Lanai)	100	2,000
Niihau		1,600
Kahurawa		400

Taura and Morikini are merely barren uninhabited rocks,

THE MARQUESAS, OF WASHINGTON ISLANDS, called also the MENDANA ARCHI-PELAGO, consists of two groups, of which the most eastern, long the only part known, is more properly the Marquesas Islands; they were first discovered in 1596, and, after being long forgotten, were re-discovered by Cook. The more northerly group was first visited in 1791 by Captain Ingraham of Boston, and in 1792 by the French navigator Marchand, who called them the Revolution Islands; but the discovery of the former being prior, his name of Washington Islands has been generally recognised. They have also been called the Ingraham and the North Marquesas Islands. They are all mountainous, fertile and well watered; nature, in providing the people with the bread-fruit, the cooca-nut, and the banana, affords them subsistence almost without labour. The men of these islands are among the most finely formed of any known race; their complexion is but little darker than that of Europeans, but is visible only in the youths, for the tatooing practised all over the Pacific Ocean, is carried to such a pitch that the skin of an adult becomes the mere canvas of a picture. The operation begins at 12 or 13 years of age, but it is not until 30 or 35 that their person is entirely covered. The women have handsome features, but have an air of boldness and effrontery, and hold virtue in scarcely any estimation. The islands are divided among a number of independent chiefs and tribes, who are often at war with each other, which they carry on with great ferocity. The missionaries have made some attempts to communicate Christianity and civilization, but hitherto with but little success.

The Society of Leeward Islams are Raiatea, Huahine, Tahaa, Borabora, Maupiti, Maurua, Tahai, and the Fenuara or Scilly islands. They have a good soil and climate, but do not present any very striking distinctive characters. On the five first named islands there are missionaries residing, who have effected an important change in the manners and character of the people. The Society and Georgian islands are frequently described under the name of the former; the groups are, however, geographically as well as politically, distinct.

The Grondian or Windward Islands comprise Tahiti or Otaheite, Eimeo, Tabuaemanu, Maiaoiti, Teturoa, and Matea; these, with the Society Islands, have attracted, perhaps, more attention than any other in the Pacific ocean. They are fruitful and beautiful islands, and present the first example of a people converted to Christianity in this quarter of the globe; an event accomplished by the labours of Christian missionaries through a long series of discouragements and dangers. The people are now as much distinguished by their regard for religion and morality, as they were once for idolatry and licentiousness, and are fast advancing in knowledge and arts. Tahiti, the largest, is about 108 miles in circuit, and has a population of 10 or 12,000. The interior rises into mountains, which, with the exception of those in the Sandwich islands, are the most lofty in this region; trees and verdure clothe their sides almost to the summit. The island is nearly one entire forest of bread-fruit, cocca-nut, banana, and other valuable trees; a few spots only being cleared for the cultivation of the yam. Papeta is the capital and chief port of Tahiti. Like Honolulu, it is a combination of European houses and native huts. Eimeo, the next in size to Tahiti, is distinguished as being still the centre of that European and Christian civilization which originated there. It contains the South Sea Academy, a printing-office, and a cotton factory.

The Pearl, Pausotu, Low Islands, and Dangerous Archipelago, are the several names given to an almost numberless range of islets extending east and southeast of the Georgian isles; some of them are thinly peopled, some entirely deserted, and some others alternately settled and abandoned. The natives are but little known, as the slender supplies to be obtained, and the dangerous nature of the navigation, have induced mariners to sail through them as quickly as possible. The Gambier Islands, five in number, and the most southern of this group, centain, according to Captain Beechey, about 1000 inhabitants; they are all most determined thieves.

The Palliser Islands lie north-east from Tahiti. The principal is Anaa or Chain island. The inhabitants were formerly notorious for their superstitions and vicious propensities, but through the influence of the missionaries, they have renounced idolatry, and have, at least in name, become Christians. The language is radically the same as Tahiti.

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HERVEY'S OF COOR'S INTARDS, situated nearly west from the Georgian group, are small, low, and of coral formation; they are deficient in water, yet they are tolerably well peopled and cultivated. The state of society nearly resembles that in Tahiti, and the missionaries have succeeded in converting a considerable num-

ber of the inhabitants. Plansis, Aitutake, Rarotogus, Mauti, &c. are the principal islands.

The AUSTRAL or RAIVAIVAI ISLANDS are situated at about from 400 to 600 miles south from Tabiti; they are all small, and scattered at some distance from each other. The inhabitants are like those of Tabiti, and speak a similar language. Till recently, they were grossly ignorant and superstitious, but have been greatly changed, chiefly by the exertions of native Christian teachers from Tabiti. The entire population of some of the islands have been baptised, and in all of them churches and schools have been established. This group comprises the islands of Raivaivai, Rarotoa, Rimatara, Rurutu, Tabuai, Rutui, and Rapa.

The FRIENDLY ISLANDS are an extensive group, lying between New Caledonia and the Georgian islands; they are reckoned at 150 in number, and in their most extensive sense, comprise the Navigator's, Tonga, Habaai, and Feejee islands. The character of the natives has been drawn in more flattering colours than that of almost any other people of the Pacific ocean. The name given to them by Captain Cook expresses his opinion of their disposition. Subsequent visitors have, however, represented them as cruel and ferocious. The men are very muscular and broad-shouldered, and the women often deficient in delicacy of form and features, but many of both sexes present models of almost perfect beauty; and their expression is generally mild and agreeable. In some of these islands the missionary cause has met with flattering success. In the Tonga and Habaai groups more than 2000 children are instructed in the schools, and the church numbers upwards of 1100 native members. In the Navigator's islands, the gospel bids fair to obtain a steadfast footing among the people, and in Laquaha or Lageba island, one of the Feejees, is a mission in successful operation.

The Navigator's or Samoa Islands, the most northern of the Friendly Archipelago are eight in number, divided into two clusters. They are fertile, well watered, and abound in poultry and hogs, and appear to be very populous. The interior of the largest of these islands is elevated; the rocks seem to exhibit marks of volcanic origin, but the mountains are clothed to the summit with lofty trees, and the wooded valleys beneath are watered by numberless streams and rills.

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The Ferre Islams, lying south-west of the Samoa group, comorise 154 islands, 65 of which are inhabited; the remaining 89 are occasionally resorted to by the natives for the purpose of fishing. They are considerably larger than the latter, and are equally fertile and populous; and the people are considered more ferocious than any of the others. Paoo, or Tacanova, is upwarde of 50 leagues in circuit; it is traversed by high mountain-ridges, though several members of the group are low and encircled by coral rocks. Naviheelavoo and Mywoolla are the next in dimensions. Population of the whole group estimated at 130,000.

The most southern group of the Friendly Archipelago, are the Tomoa Isram, the principal of which are Tongataboo Eooa, and Annamooka, called by Tasman, their first discoverer, Amsterdam, Middlebury, and Rotterdam. These islands, like the others of this range, are very fertile and populous. The natives cultivate 15 different varieties of the bread-fruit, yams of several kinds, and other roota. The animals are hogs and dogs. In another group is Tefooa, a mountainous island, containing a volcano which manifests some degree of activity.

Lefuga, or Lifuka, the principal of the Habaai islands, was long the residence of a chief who held sway over the others. A mission has been lately commenced here with flattering prospects. Vavaoo, Cocoa-nut Island, and Amargura, to the north of the Habaai group, are all fertile and inhabited.

PITCAIRN'S ISLAND, a small detached spot lying south-east from Tahiti, has attracted a remarkable degree of interest, in consequence of having been the retreat of the mutineers of the Bounty, whose fate was so long unknown, and from the pleasing feelings excited on the discovery of their virtuous and amiable posterity a few years ago. A number of the natives, in consequence of the scanty supply

of water in the island, emigrated to Tahiti, but being disappointed in their expectations, have since returned to their happy island. The latest published account represents their number at about 80 individuals.

EASTER ISLAND, called also Teapy and Vaihou, is the most eastern of the Polynesian range, and is about 20 miles in circuit. The natives are estimated to amount to 1200, who tattoo themselves so as to have the appearance of wearing breeches. This island was formerly celebrated for its gigantic busts, of which Captain Cook found only two remaining; they have now disappeared, a few heaps of rubbish only being left to mark the spots they stood on.

ISLANDS IN THE POLAR SEAS.

To complete the description of the detached and insular portions of the globe, there remain still a number of large islands, situated in the stormy seas by which the two poles are encircled. Although these regions be dreary, desolate, and almost uninhabited, they present features which attract the interest and curiosity of mankind, and have induced many daring adventurers to explore and navigate these

remote coasts and seas.

The Polar Islands are situated partly in the seas round the North, partly in those round the South Pole. The former, lying within the Arctic Circle, are by much the most numerous and extensive. Commencing from the eastward, we find Nova Zembla, reaching northward from the boundary of Europe and Asia; Spitzbergen, the most northern land yet visited; Greenland, a mass of territory possessing almost the magnitude of a continent, and long supposed to be part of America, from which, however, it now proves to be entirely disjoined; lastly, the range of the North Georgian Islands, discovered by Captain Parry, of which the principal are Cornwallis, Bathurst, Melville, and Bank's Land, the boundaries of which last are yet unknown. In the Antarctic Ocean, on the contrary, where a new continent was long sought and expected, no extensive body of land has yet been discovered; but there are some considerable islands, or groups, particularly New Georgia, South Shetland, and South Orkney. All these tracts are either insular, or broken by deep bays and counds, formed, probably, by the violent storms and currents which beat continually against their shores, and which are supposed, in many cases, to penetrate entirely across the most solid masses of land. The aspect of these regions is usually mountainous, presenting long and bold promontaines to the stormy seas by which they are surrounded, and often also enclosing spacious and secure harbours.

The produce of the arctic world is of a peculiar nature. A territory thus bifried for the greater part of the year in ice and snow, with only a transient and imperfect vegetation, and where the few animals that appear during the summer gleam, take an early flight into milder climes, might at first view seem incapable of yielding any thing that can minister to the use or comfort of civilized man. But while the land is thus dreary and barren, the sea and its shores teem with an inexhaustible profusion of life. The finny tribes, which, feeding on each other, do not require any vegetable support, exist here in greater multitudes, and of larger dimensions, than any other animals, either in the temperate or tropical climates. Provident nature has, in particular, fenced them against the extreme intensity of the cold by a thick coating, of a coarse but rich oleaginous nature, termed blubber, the oil extracted from which is subservient to the most important economical purposes. The substance called whalebone, being peculiarly strong and elastic, af-

fords a material of several manufactures.

The seal, the walrus, and several other amphibious animals, are invested with the peculiar coating above described; but by far the greatest abundance of it is found in the whale. This huge creature is the most powerful of animals; and to attack and slay him is one of the boldest of human enterprises; yet it is undertaken with alsority by hardy tars. For this purpose, fisets of ships, well equipped with boats, lines, harpoons, &c., are annually sent into the polar seas.

The whale fishery was carried on by the Dutch and English for a long period with great advantage; but of late years it has much declined. The English

fishery, which, in 1814, yielded £700,000, fell in 1829 to £376,150. In 1830, a very disastrous year, the loss sustained by wrecks alone was estimated at not less than £140,000, and has continued every succeding year to be more and more unfortunate.

The European are now much surpassed by the American whaters. The whale fishing was commenced at an early period on the shores of New England, until the whale having abandoned them, the colonists entered with ardour, about the middle of the 18th century, into the 1 heries of the Northern and Southern Seas, and were the first to lead the way into the Pacific Ocean. The fishery has gradually increased, and is now the most valuable in the world. In 1841, there were 650 American vessels employed, of the aggregate burthen of 193,000 tons, and manned by 16,000 officers and men; of these vessels, 360 were in the sperm, and 290 in the right whale business. The value of their outfit was \$10,610,000; and of the ships and outfit together, \$90,120,000. In 1841, 292 vessels arrived in the United States from the whale fishery; of these 136 entered the ports of Massachusetts alone. The proceeds of that year's fishery were as follows, viz.: of sperm oil, \$0,018,076 gallons, worth 96 cents per gal., or \$4,767,172; right whale oil, 6,531,468 gal., at 33 cents, \$2,177,164; whalebone, 2,073,480 pounds, at 90 cents, \$414,695; total, \$7,359,023. Of this amount the officers and crews were entitled to draw, for their services, 30 per cent., or \$9,307,706. The American whale ships average \$97 tons each, with crews of 94 men each. Voyages, in the sperm fishery, average three years; and, in the right whale fishery, twenty months.

Holland also, as well as Great Britain, has lost much of this portion of her maritime employment;—her whale fishery having dwindled to an inconsiderable amount.

North Polar Islands.

The local details of the arctic regions are extensive and scattered, but do not present many peculiarities which will require long to detain our attention. We shall begin with the North Georgian Islands, discovered by Captain Parry in the sea to the north of America.

Melville Island, the most westerly of these, upwards of 100 miles both in length and breadth, and in latitude 75° N., is memorable as containing the spot where Captain Parry spent two years, and braved with success the extrement rigour of an arctic winter. The sun disappeared on the 4th of November, and was not seen till the 3d of February following. During this interval, land and see were alike covered with a monotonous surface of snow, and the thermometer averaged about 60° below the freezing point. Yet the English officers, when duly clothed, and when there was no drift, were able to walk in the open air for two or three hours a day; and, by judicious precautions, their health and that of the seamen was perfectly preserved. In May the snow begins to melt, and in June it covers the country with pools; but it is not till August that the sea becomes open; and, before October, winter has again commenced. No inhabitants were found here, or on any of this range of islands. The only animals which appeared during the winter were a pack of hungry wolves, which hovered round the British vessels in hope of plunder; and it was not till the middle of May that the bunters met with some ptarmigans, and saw the footsteps of deer. Vegetable productions were few and short-lived.

A succession of islands extend eastward from the one now described; first the small one of Byam Martin, then that of Bathurst, almost equal to Melville; and next Cornwallis, also of considerable size. Only the southern coasts were seen by Captain Parry, as he sailed along; and their aspect appears closely to resemble Melville Island. Cornwallis is separated by Wellington Channel from an extensive coast, which received the name of North Devon, and reaches to the shores of Baffin's Bay.

The coasts opposite to those now described, and extending to the southward, form the region called North Somerset, North Middlesex, and Boothia Felix: the latter, situated to the west of the Gulf of Boothia, was discovered by Captain Ross in his late adventurous voyage, 1829, '30, '31, and 32, and is supposed, from the observations of Captain Back, to be an island, and not a part of the continent, as at first conjectured; it is much broken by deep inlets and rocky islands, en-

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of natives, who had never before seen any European.

Greenland, long supposed to be part of America, till Captain Parry ascertained its complete disjunction, forms the largest known extent of land not belonging to the four continents. From Cape Farewell, in latitude 60°, it stretches northward for the ascertained length of 19 degrees, with an indefinite extent beyond; while the general breadth is about 35 degrees of longitude. This wide region is, of all others, least valuable to man, producing scarcely anything which can minister to his comfort, or even existence. Its aspect is, throughout, of that dreary character, comment to the arctic world. It is claimed by Denmark, which has formed along its western coast several small settlements, of which the principal are, in the southern part, Julianas-heab, Lichtenau, Fredericksthal, Lichtenfels, and New Hernhut, (t' see are Moravian Missionary Stations); in the Northern, Holsteinborg, Omenak, and Upernavick. Farther north still, Captain Ross discovered a district which he named the Arctic Highlands. The inhabitants, who had never before seen an European, were seized with the utmost astonishment, especially at the ships, which they at first imagined to be huge birds with wings. They were found to differ from the other Esquimaux in being destitute of boats; for though much of their food is drawn from the sea, they obtain it by merely walking over the frozen surface. They have the advantage, however, of possessing iron, from which they frame instruments much more powerful than those made of bone by others of their race. They differ greatly from them also in having a king, who is beloved, and to whom they pay a tribute of seals, train oil, and fish. The cliffs on their coast present the remarkable phenomenon of red snow, the nature and origin of which have excited much controversy among the learned in Europea.

The eastern coast, extending southward from Iceland to Cape Farewell, has excited a remarkable interest in consequence of having been believed to be the seat of early colonies from that island, described as once having been in a flourishing state. But vast fields of ice, it is said, coming down upon this coast, shut it out from the civilized world, and the colony, it is feared, perished from the want of supplies. Several expeditions were sent by the Danish government to discover "lost Greenland," as it is called, but without success. But recent examinations have proved that these lost colonies were situated on the western coast. To the north of Iceland, however, a range of coast, 400 miles in length, between 68° and 75°, was lately surveyed by Mr. Scoresby and Captain Clavering, and called Scoresby's Land. The most remarkable part is the Liverpool Coast, along which rises a mountain chain 3000 or 4000 feet high, forming precipitous cliffs, which terminate in numberless peaks, cones, and pyramids. Like other arctic shores, it is penetrated by very deep inlets, particularly one called Scoresby's Sound, a branch from which is supposed to convert the Liverpool Coast into an island. No natives were seen; but there appeared everywhere marks of recent inhabitation, and oven small villages, composed of subterraneous winter abodes. Captain Clavering afterwards surveyed a part of the coast lying farther to the northward. He found it bold, mountainous, and deeply indented with baye; but its aspect was dreary and desolate in the extreme. Yet, on landing upon an inlet named after Sir Walter Scott, he met a party of natives bearing all the general characters of the Esquimaux race, and who, by their extreme alarm and surprise, showed that they had never before been-visited by Europeans. The coast was traced as high as 75°, and was seen extending still northward as far as the eye

Spitsbergen is a large island in the Arctic Sea, lying about 600 miles east of that now described. It is about 300 miles from south to north, and 200 from east to west, and reaches beyond 80° N. lat. It is of an irregular form, and broken by deep bays and sounds. The country is wholly unproductive, but abounds in the deer, the walrus, and other arctic animals. Spitsbergen, however, has been much frequented by the maritime nations, having been long the chief and almost sole seat of the northern whale-fishery. With this view its western beys were

fiercely disputed, till an agreement was made by which the English and Dutch divided between them the principal stations. The latter founded the village of Smeerenberg, where they landed the whales and extracted the oil; and it became so flourishing as to be considered almost a northern Batavia. The whales, however, taught by the destructive war waged against them, deserted all the bays Even then they fied from one quarter to another, till the whole Spitzbergen sea.

Even then they fied from one quarter to another, till the whole Spitzbergen sea was nearly fished out; and it became necessary, notwithstanding the increased danger, to remove the chief scene of operations to Davis' Straits. The coasts of Spitzbergen have also formed the route by which Phipps, Buchan, and Parry made their attempts to penetrate to the pole. The latter reached nearly to SS. N. lat., and found the sea in August 11 cased with its but he became and interand found the sea in August all covered with ice, but broken, sinking, and interspersed with lanes of water. At this utmost limit every trace of animal life had disappeared. A few Russian hunters take up their abode on the dreary shores of Spitsbergen, where they continue even during the winter, occupied in the pursuit of the seal and the walrus.

Nova Zembla is another large mass of insular land, extending north from the boundary of Europe and Asia, between 68° and 74° N. lat., 53° and 70° E. long. Though more southerly than Spitsbergen, it has an aspect, if possible, still more dreary. The southern coasts are low and flat; but those to the north are bordered by mountains wrapped in perpetual snow. It is less penetrated by sounds, though one running east and west reaches entirely across, dividing it into two nearly equal parts. The coasts have been chiefly frequented by navigators, who sought in this direction a passage to India, but commonly found their career arrested on these dreary shores. Barentz and his crew wintered in a haven on the north-eastern coast, where they suffered the most extreme hardships, to which the

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South Polar Islands.

The islands of the Southern Polar Sea, extend chiefly south-east from the extremity of the American continent. They present the same general character as the arctic lands, with some variations. Though situated in a comparatively low the arctic lands, with some variations. Though situated in a comparatively low latitude, which in the northern hemisphere admits of habitation and culture, they are utterly dreary and desolate, buried in ice and snow, and not tenanted by a single human being. Their shores, however, are crowded with those huge creatures, the sea elephant and sea leopard, whose rich coating of oil renders them a tempting prize. Hence they have become an object of attention principally to American navigators, who, during the few years that have elapsed since the islands were known, have made dreadful havoc among these animals, and greatly thinned their numbers. The seals of this region have a fine furred skin, which renders them of considerable value. These shores are distinguished for the legions of sea-birds of gigantic size and peculiar form; among which the penguin and the albatross are the most remarkable. The lands, on the whole, are smaller than in the north, more broken into islands, and as deeply indented by bays, forming many excellent harbours.

The Falkland Islands, though situated only a little beyond 50° S., the latitude of England, bear all the characters of an antarctic group; rocky, destitute of inhabitants, but crowded with seals, and containing very fine ports. On one of these the English formed a settlement in 1766; but it was destroyed, in 1770, by a Spanish expedition from Buenos Ayres. Measures have lately been taken for again forming one on a small scale. There are two large islands, the East and West Falklands, with a great number of islets. The fisheries on these coasts have lately acquired considerable importance. The fine harbours are often touched at

by vessels passing round Cape Horn, or to the southern fisheries.

South Georgia, situated to the east of the Falkland Islands, and nearly in the same latitude, is a large island, about 90 miles long by 10 broad, but bearing a character exactly similar. Discovered in 1675 by La Roche, it was carefully surveyed in 1771 by Cook, while searching for an austral continent. It was then out forgotten till the abundance of its scale and sea-elephants attracted the

notice of those engaged in the southern fisheries.

South Shetland, with the smaller adjoining islands, called Powell's Group, or South Orkney, being situated in 61° and 63° S. lat., are scarcely nearer the pole than the British islands after which they are named; yet their climate is that of Greenland and Spitsbergen. There are twelve considerable isles, of which the principal are named Livingston, King George, Elephant, Clarence, &c., with innumerable rocky islets. The land is moderately high, one peak rising to 2500 feet; while elsewhere there is a volcanic cone, which rises only to 80 feet. Deception Isle contains a very fine harbour. The South Orkneys consist of a large island, called Coronation, and of several smaller ones. Parther to the east are a number of small islands, which, being at first supposed to form a continuous coast, were named Sandwich Land.

To the southward of the South Shetland Islands is Palmer's Land, more sterile and dismal, if possible, and more heavily loaded with ice and snow than even the former region: it is a high rugged coast with numerous hills and mountains, of which one is a volcano. It was discovered by Captains Pendleton and Palmer of Stonington, Connecticut, in 1821; and, when first examined, although it was in the midsummer of this region, the main part of the coast was ice-bound, and a landing was consequently found difficult. On the shores were numerous sea-

leopards, but no seals.

Among antarctic islands we must also reckon Kerguelen's, or Desolation, situated far to the east of those now described, in long. 70° E., and the moderate lat. of 50°. It resembles exactly New Georgia and South Shetland. Captain Cook's arty, who carefully examined it, were astonished at its scanty vegetation, but they were struck by the multitude of amphibious animals with which its shores were peopled. We may finally mention the solitary islet of Tristan d'Acunha, situated to the west of the Cape of Good Hope, in the low latitude of 38°. It contains rich pastures, on which European cattle thrive; yet the bleak storms of a long winter, and its shores crowded with the sea-elephant, the penguin, and the albatross, mark its affinity to the antarctic regions now described. A settlement formed there by the English has been abandoned; yet a very few individuals are still induced to reside on it by the facility of subsistence.

In 1831, Captain Biscoe fell in with land, in 66° S. lat. and 47° E. lon., to which he gave the name of Enderby's Land, and which he conceives to be of considerable extent. In the following year, he touched upon another coast of uncertain extent, in about the same latitude, and in lon. 70° W. To this latter tract

has been given the name of Graham's Land. Southwest from the latter the islands of Alexander I. and Peter I., lying about 600 30' south latitude, and in 730 and 910 west longitude, were discovered in the year 1891, by the Russians, and were, until recently, considered to be the most southern land known.

In 1839, Sabrina Land, situated a little north of the Antarctic Circle, and in east longitude 118°, was discovered by a British navigator. About the same time the Balleny islands were discovered by another British navigator; they lie on the Antarctic Circle, and in about east longitude 163°. Freeman's Peak, a volcanic

mountain, 12,000 feet high, is on one of these islands.

In the month of August 1839, the United States' Exploring Expedition sailed from Norfolk, under the command of Lieutenant Charles Wilkes. The squadron, consisting of the Vincennes, Peacock, and some smaller vessels, was fitted out in accordance with the Act of Congress, for the purpose of making a voyage of discovery, and was the first maritime exploring expedition sent out by the American, government. The Expedition traversed the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans, in various directions; and, on the 19th January, 1840, a part of the squadron discovered a continent situated about 2000 miles south of Australia or New Holland. Its shores were coasted for a distance of 1700 miles. It extends nearly due east and west from about south latitude 65° and 66°, and in longitude from about 94° to 165° east from Greenwich. No traces of either inhabitants or land animals were to be seen. Nearly about the same time, Commodore D'Urville, commanding the

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French exploring corvettes Astrolate and Zelée, touched upon two points of the same coast, one lying in longitude 130° east, was called Claris Land, and the other lying in longitude 140° east, was called Adele Land.

About a year after Commodore Wilkes's discovery, Captain J. C. Roes, commanding the British discovery ships Erebus and Terror, discovered and explored Victoria Land, a region stretching nearly due north and south from south latitude 71° to 78°, and from 164° to 171° east longitude, about 560 mitres. No sarious impediment was experienced from ice, in navigating these shores, until in south latitude 78°, the further progress of the ships was stopped by towering cliffs of ice, 150 feet high, and extending as far as the eye could reach. This is the most southern discovery yet made by any navigator. The farthest point reached by the expedition was only 630 miles from the southern Pole. In its vicinity were a range of lofty mountains, stretching far to the south; two of these, Mounts Exebus and Terror, were ascertained to be, one 13,400 feet, and the other 12,000 feet high. The first named is a volcano, in full activity, throwing our large volumes high. The first named is a volcano, in full activity, throwing out large volumes of smoke and flame. Victoria Land, like all the other Antarctic regions yet discovered, is barren and desolate, and without inhabitants; its surface is all the time covered with ice and snow, and the coasts are for the most part bordered with vast masses of ice. It is proper here to advert to the statement made by Captain Ross, although it requires verification, that, on his return to the north, he sailed in various directions, backwards and forwards, over about 200 miles of the eastern part of the region discovered by Commodore Wilkes, and could not discover any signs of land, nor find any bottom with 600 fathoms of line.

OCEAN.

THE Ocean is the grand thoroughfare of commerce, forming a medium of communication between the most distant and otherwise inaccessible portions of the earth. It consists of one continuous fluid, spread round the land, and probably extending from pole to pole. All the gulfs, all the inland seas, form only portions detached, but not entirely separated, from that universal sea, denominated the

The ocean is variously subdivided by different authors: it may be conveniently divided into five great basins.

The Pacific, so named from its comparative tranquillity, and often called also the Great South Sea, separates Asia from America. It is the largest of the basins, and somewhat exceeds the entire surface of dry land. Its greatest extent, from east to west, is about 11,100 miles, and breadth, 7100. It is bounded on the east by the western and north-west shores of America, and on the west by the east coasts of Asia: on the western side, and between the tropics, its surface is studded with innumerable groups of islands, all remarkably small; and consisting generally of coral reefs, rising up like a wall from unknown depths, and emerging but a very little above the sea. These islands are the works of innumerable minute insects, whose incessant labours are thus gradually forming new lands in the bosom of the ocean. On the western side, it communicates with the inland seas of Japan and Ochotsk, the Yellow and Chinese seas; and on the eastern side, it has the inlets of California and Queen Charlotte's Scund. The small isles of the Pacific, scattered over the torrid zone, have their temperature so moderated by the ocean as to enjoy the most delightful climate in the world.

The second basin, or Atlantic Ocean, is usually divided into the North Atlantic, and the South Atlantic, or Ethiopic Ocean. The Atlantic is bounded on the east by Europe and Africa; and on the west, by America: that part of it between Europe and North America is frequently called the Western Ocean. The Atlantic basin extends from 70° N. to 35° and 50° S. latitude; but it is only about half the size of the Paolife Ocean. The length is about 8400 miles, but the breadth, which is very unequal, varies from 1800 to 5400. The South Atlantic contains few inlands of one size and no inless of convenience. The North Atlantic contains few islands of any size, and no inlets of consequence; but the North Atlantic abduncts in large islands, and in deep and numerous inland seas, which penetrate far on

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seen see into both the Uld and New Worlds, and have fitted it for the most extensive commerce on the globe. On its eastern shores it receives few large rivers except the Niger and the Congo; but on the west it receives the Plata, Orinoco, Amazon, and Mississippi,—the largest rivers on the face of the earth.

The third basin is the Indian Ocean, which washes the shores of the south-east coasts of Africa and the south of Asia. It is bounded on the east by the Malaysian Islands and by Australia, and New Zealand: its length and breadth are each about 4500 miles; it contains many islands, the two large bays of Bengal and Arabia, with the deep inlets of the Persian Gulf and Red Sea. The half-yearly winds, called monecone nearsyll in its porthers parts.

called monsoons, prevail in its northern parts.

The fourth basin is the Arctic Ocean, an immense circular expanse, surrounding the North Pole, and communicating with the Pacific and Atlantic by two channels; the one separating America from Europe, the other America from Asia. Few points of the coasts of Europe and Asia, which occupy a full half of the circumscribing circle, extend much beyond the 70th parallel; and it is doubtful if the other boundaries, consisting of the northern coasts of America and Greenland, reach nearer the Pole; so that the mean diameter of this basin may be taken at reach nearer the Pole; so that the mean diameter of this basin may be taken at 2400 miles. Its interior or central parts are little known: several islands are scattered over its southern extremities, the largest of which is Greenland, whose northern limit is unknown; the others are Spitzbergen, Nova Zembla, the Isles of New Siberis, those lately discovered by Captain Parry, and several towards Baffin's Bay. The White Sea, on the north coast of Europe, is the only deep gulf connected with this basin, which is of any importance to navigation.

The fifth basin is the Antarctic, which is still less known than the preceding: it joins the Pacific in the latitude of 50° S., and the Indian Ocean in that of 40°. Floating lies occurs in exerce part of it; but it is every shought within the namilel

Floating ice occurs in every part of it; but it is very abundant within the parallel of 60°. It was long supposed that a large continent of land and fixed ice occupied the greater part within the Antarotic Circle, and the researches of Weddell, Enderby, Wilkes, D'Urville, and Ross, seem not only to add weight to the hypothesis, but to reader it almost a certainty.

Of the inland seas, the Mediterranean is the largest and most important: it is the "Great Sea" of the Sacred Writings, though we find it there spoken of under ther names. Its greatest length, from east to west, is about 2350 miles; and the breadth, which is sometimes small, is at the greatest 650. It is bounded on the south by Africa, on the east by Asia, and on the north by Europe. It communicates on the west with the Atlantic by the Straits of Gibraltar, and with the Black Sea by the Dardanelles Strait on the east. It has many islands, gulfs, and bays, with a very deep inlet on the north called the Adriatic sea, or Gulf of Venice. The shores of this sea were the earliest seats of art, science, and civilization. Its waters were navigated and its islands were occupied in the remotest antiquity. The Phoenicians, the Carthaginians, the Greeks and the Romans were successively its navigators. During the middle ages it was the grand centre of the commerce and navigation of the Old World, and the Venetians and Genoese, by whom its trade was chiefly engrossed, attained in consequence to great wealth and consideration. The discovery of America, and of a route to India by the Cape of Good Hope, opened new and more extensive channels for meritime enterprise. The Black Sea is connected with the Sea of Azof; but these, containing only brackish water, and being so far inland, have more of the character of lakes than branches of the ocean. Proceeding still farther eastward, we come to the Caspian Sea, which is abundantly salt, and of great dimensions; but being wholly unconnected with the ocean, has been already described under the local section to which it belongs.

The Baltic resembles the Black Sea, in having only brackish waters, which are sometimes wholly frozen over for several months in winter, and the ice so strong, that armies have been marched across. The Baltic communicates with the German Sea by the strait called the Cattegat: its greatest length is 1900 miles. The North Sea, or German Ocean, is bounded by Britain and the Orkneys on the west, and the continent of Europe on the east; and reaches from the Straits of Dover to the Shetland Islands, where it joins the Northern Ocean. On the west of the Atetland Islands, where it joins the Northern Ocean. On the west of the Atlantic are the Gulfs of Mexico and St. Lawrence, and Hudson's and Baffin's Bays

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This precise extent and population of the globe will probably remain for ever unknown: eboth, however, have offen been made by various writers, which differ materially from each coording to the different ideas entertained by those who have directed their attention to the organisers roundly estimate the ocean and its branches to occupy three-fourths of the or of the earth. But to accortain the exact propertion between the land and water, we am ample employment for ages to come, though every day adds to the stock of information

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The various nations of mankind may be reduced to five original races or types. The first is called the European race, and occupies (Vestera Asia, Eastern and Northern Africa, Eindoostan, and European race, and occupies (Vestera Asia, Eastern and Northern Africa, Eindoostan, and Europe, and embraces the white inhabitants of America. This race is sometimes called the Caucasian, it being imagined that it originated near the mountains of Caucasus. The principal rations embraced in this class are the Europeans and their American descendants, the Arabs, Moors, Turk, Hindoos, and Abyseinians. They are distinguished by the following peculiarities; the skin more or less white or brown, the cheeks tinged with red, long hair, either light or brown, the head round, the face oval and narrow, the forehead smooth, the nose slightly arched, and the mouth small. The second variety is the Tartar or Mongal, and includes all the nations in Asia, east of the Gazge, excepting Malays. It embraces also the Laplanders and Finns, in Europe, and the Eaguinnaur, from Behring's Straits to Greenland, in America. The characteristics are a yellow skin, blood straight lair, the head equare, the face large and flat, the nose small and flat, the cheeks round and preminent, and the chin pointed.

The third, or American variety, consisting of the aborigines of the western continent, are of a copper colour, have hair black and straight, forehead low, eyes sunk, nose almost flat, the cheek nones very prominent, and the face large. There is considerable resemblance between this and the proceeding variety.

The fourth race is that of the Malay, comprehending the inhabitants of the peninsula of Malaya, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean, with the exception of New Holland, New Guinea, New Caledonia, and Van Diemen's Land. The following are its characteristics: a tawny colour, the about producting the mouth large, and the upper java a little projecting.

The fifth rece is that of the negro, which is spread over all Western and Southern Africa. It is fl

The following table exhib. wil's anumerati	on of the various room of men :-
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Jermans, English, Swedes, Dutch, Dases, Norwegians, &c	Tuial
Inchians	North American Indians South American Indians Caribbees, &c
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Finne, Esthonians, Laplanders, &c. 2,578,000 Enquimaux, Samoyeds, Kamtohat- dales, &c. 185,700	Malaya Ethiopians Americans
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Mun is the only unimal that his a rational and articulate language. The various languages on the globe, including the dislects, are very numerous. In America, among the natives, no less than 1800 have been found. In Africa, 576; in Europe, 345; in Asia and the fouth fice Islands, 991. The whole number is 3006.

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All these may be reduced to about 50 original languages, of which the others are only branches. Some of these, particularly those used by enlightened nations, are very copious, and have forms of expression for every shade of thought and feeling. There are others, belonging to savage nations, which have no words except for those objects which can be apprecined by the five senses. The most polished languages of Europe are the English, brench, Italian, and German; in Asia, the Arabian, Ferman, and Sansonit. The most widely diffused languages in the world, are the German or Teutonic, with its dishects, of which the English is one; the Sclavonic, of which the Eussian is a dislect; the Arabia, which is also the religious language of all Enklowetan countries; and Colinees, which is perhaps at present spoken by a greater number of persons than any other. But the English language appears destined to have more universal diffusion, in time to come, from the rapid growth, in various quarters of the earth, of these communities which have spring from Great Britain.

The following are the languages and dislocts as far as known ;-

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All nations, even the most savage, appear to believe in the existence of some invisible being possible of power superior to man. The various methods in which nations manifest this belief, constitute so many different religious; the external acts, which are the results of such religious belief, constitutes so many different religious; the external acts, which are the results of such religious professed by any people is a remarkable and important features in their social condition. Religious opinious do not come directly under the cognisance of the grapher; but havis called upon to mark this as a particular in which nations strikingly different each other. The inhabitants of the earth may, in regard to religion, be divided into the classes—Christian, Manometan, and Pagen. The first, as to numerical amount, considerably the classes—Christian, Manometan, and Pagen. The first, as to numerical amount, considerably the are multiplying over all the lately savage and unoccupied portions of the globe, that, in all probability, this faith will, in a few generations, he more widely diffused than any other. The Mahometan nations, though its numbers they do not equal the last mentioned, and though they yet occupy a large proportion of the contract they do not equal the last mentioned, and though they yet occupy a large proportion of the contract they do not equal the last mentioned, and though they yet occupy a large proportion of the contract
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CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

It is one of the characteristics of the present day, that excitions are making in Christian sensities to disseminate Christiantly in heathers lands, and through its influence to divilies savage and barbarons nations. Every benevolent mind must look with favour upon all judicion extempts to substitute the purifying worship of the "One Living and True God," for the debaning identries which must has invented, and to exchange the cruel and comforties habits of savage lift, for the happier consistence of the civilized state.

The afferts of the missionaries in various countries, have not yet been, on the whole, attended with full success; but enough has been done to justify the conclusion, that the Christian nations have it in their power to diffuse their religious and their civil institutions over the whole carth. The time is probably not very distant, when the true method of conducting missions is heather lands will be discovered, and when the people of Christiandow will become convinced of the practicability and the importance of their affecting a moral renovation of the globe. When this is done, the accomplishment of the anticipated event cannot be far remote.

The following table contains the names of the principal missionary stations in the world, tagether with the societies by whom they have been formed and the countries in which they are situated: those having a * affixed will be found on the map. In the table, the different societies are indicated by abbreviations, as follows, vis:

- A. B. C. F. M., American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
 A. R. B. F. M., American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
 A. R. B. F. M., American Boards Missionary Society.
 A. M. B. S., American Methodist Missionary Society.
 Un. Breth., United Brethren, or Moravians.
 B. P. G., Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
 L. M. S., London Missionary Society.
 U. M. S., Charch Missionary Society.
 U. M. S., Wesleyan Missionary Society.
 B. M. S., Baptist Missionary Society.
 B. M. S., Baptist Missionary Society.
 B. M. S., Berampore Baptists.
 B. M. S., Scottish Missionary Society.
 B. M. S., Glasgow Missionary Society.
 P. P. M. S., French Protestant Missionary Society.
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Ahmedabad*	8. P. G	Hindo zan. Hindoostan.	Brainerd*	A. B. C. F. M.	Tennessee.
Ahmednagur	A. B. C. P. M. L. M. S.	Bindoostan.	Bridgetown* Brusa*	W. M. B	Barbadoes.
Aitutake	L. M. S	Hervey Islands.	Brusa*	A. B. C. F. M.	Asiatic Turkey.
Ajmere*	. B. M. B	Hindoostan.	Budge Budge . , .	C. M. B	Hindoostan.
Akvahe	Hor. Ban.	Chin India.	Budge Budge Buffalo River	L. M. S	Caffraria. Jamaica. Caffraria.
Alamgoddy	W. M. S W. M. S	Cape Colony.	Ruff-Ray	B. M. S. W. M. B.	Jamaica.
Albany District	W. M. B	Cape Colony.	Buntingville*	W. M. S	Caffraria.
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Algiers'	L. J. B	Barbary.	Burdwan*	C. M. B	Hindoostan.
Aliababado	8. B. & C. M. S.	Hincoostan.	Burhampore	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Alterhany	A. B. C. P. M.	Hindoostan. New York.	Burrishol*	Ser. Ban.	Hindoostan.
Alleghany	C. M. S	Hindoostan.	Butterworth*	W. M. B	
Amboyna*	IT. M G	Malaysia.	Buxare	C. M. R	Caffraria. Hindoostan. Egypt.
Amlamgodde	L. M. S	Ceylon.	Cairo*	C. M. B	Egypt.
Amokee	L. M. S. A. B. B. P. M.	E. Cherokees.	Calais*	W. M. S	France.
Andermaniek	a D C	Hindonstan.	Calcutta*	L. M. S., &c.	Hindoostan.
	8. P. G	West Indies.	Caldwell*	A. B. B. F. M.	Liberia.
Anguilla*	W. M. S B. M. S	Jamaica.	Caledon*	L. M. S	Cape Colony
Antigua*	Un. Breth.	West Indies.	Caltura*	W. M. S	Ceylon.
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Aroragni	L. M. S	Hervey Islands. Chin India.	Calvados	W. M. B	France.
Arracan*	Ber. Bap	Chin India.	Cambridge Campbell*	B. M. S	
Arroo Islands*	N. M. B	Malaysia. Hindoostan.	Campbell	L. M. S	South Africa.
Assam	Ser. Bap		Canadian River	A. B. B. P. M.	Western Creek.
Astrachan*	L. M. S	Asiatic Russia.	Candy's Creek	A. B. C. F. M.	Cherokees.
Athense	A. B. C. F. M. L. M. S.	Greece.	Canton*	L. M. S	China.
Atui	L. M. S	Hervey Islands. Birmah.	Cape Town*	L. M. S. & W. M. S.	Cape Colony.
Ava*	A. B. B. F. M.	Birmah.		M. B	
Avarua	L. M. d	Hervey Islands.	Caradive	1A. B. C. F. M.	Ceylon.
Baddagame* Bagdad* Bahama Isl.*	C. M. S	Ceylon.	Carmel*	A. B. C. F. M. A. B. C. F. M.	Georgia. New York.
Bagdad*	C. M. S	Asiatic Turkey. West Indies.	Cattaraugus	A. B. C. F. M.	New York.
Bahama Id	W. M. S	West Indies.	Cawnpore*	8. P. G	Hindoostan.
Balasore*	Ger. Bay	Hindoostan.	Cedar-Hall	Un. Breth	Antigua.
Balfour Balizes	GI. M. S W. M. H	Caffraria.	Celebes*	N. M. S	Malaysia.
Balize*	W. M. H	Balize Territory.	Ceram*	N. M. S	Molucca Islands.
Bancorah	C. M. S	Hindoostan.	Changapy	A. B. C. F. M.	Molucca Islands. Ceylon.
Banda*	N. M. S	Molucca Islands.	Charleston	B. M. S	Jamaica.
Bandora	C. M. S	Hindoostan.	Charlotte	117 M. S	Siorra Laona
Rangalovet	C. M. S L. M. S	Hindoostan.	Chavachery	ABCPM	Cevion
Bangalore* Bankok*	A. B. C. F. M.	Siam.	Chilaw	A. B. C. F. M. W. M. S.	Ceylon. Ceylon.
Bankote*	S. M. S	Hindoostan.	Chinsurah	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Barbadoes*	C. M. S	West Indian	Chirraponjee	Ser. Bap.	Hindoostan.
Barbuda*	W. M. S	West Indies. West Indies.		D M G	
		Avent Indies.	Chitpore*	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bareilly	С. м. в	Hindoostan.	Chittagong*	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Barripore*	Ser. Bap	Hindoostan.	Chittore	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Banacen*	C. M. B L. M. S	Hindoostan.	Choctaw Agency	A. B. C. F. M. A. B. C. F. M.	Choctaw Land. Birmah.
Batavia-	L. M. B	Java.	Chumerah*	A. B. U. F. M.	Birman.
Bathurst	C. M. S	Sierra Leone.	Chumie	GI. M. S	Caffraria.
Bathurst*	W. M. S	N. South Wales.	Chunar*	O. M. S	Hindoostan.
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Batzicotta	A. B. C. F. M.	Ceylon.	Cochin*	C. M. B	Hindoostan.
Bechuanas*	F. P. M. S	Bouth Africa.	Coepang*	N. M. B	Malaysia.
Beggoor	L. M. S	Hindoostan.	Coiladi	C. M. S	Hindoostan.
Belgaum*	IL. M. B	Hindoostan.	Coimbatore*	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bellary*	L. M. S	Hindoostan.	Clalambak	B. M. S. & W.	Combon
Beliavus	A. B. C. F. M.	Otoes & Omahas.	Colombo*	M. B	Ceylon.
Belligaum	W. M. S	Ceylon.	Combaconum	C. K. S	Hindoostan.
Benares*	B. M. S. & C.	Hindoostan.	10	A. B. C. F. M.	
	M. S		Constantinople*	& L. J. B	Turkey.
Berbice*	L. M. S	Guiana.	Corfu*	C M S	Ionian Islands.
Berlanapota	W. M. S	Ceylon.	Coromandel	C. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bertry	IA. B. C. F. M.	France.	Cotta	C. M. S	Cevion.
Bethel	A. B. C. F. M.	Choctaw Land.	Cottayan* Credit River	L. M. S	Ceylon. Hindoostan.
Betheledorp	L. M. S	Cape Colony.	Credit River	A. M. M. St.	Unner Canada.
Betheada	Un. Breth	West Indies.	Creek Path	A. M. M. B. A. B. C. F. M.	Alahama.
Bethlehem	A. B. C. F. M.	Choctaw Land.	Creeks*	A. B. C. F. M.	Upper Canada. Alabama. Western Ter.
Beulah	L. M. B	Borabora.	Crooked Sarine	B. M. S	Jamaica.
Bevroot*	A. B. C. F. M.	Suria	Crooked Spring.	8. P. G.	Hindoostan.
Blest Town	L. M. S	Syria. Eimeo.	Cuddapah	8. P. G L. M. S	Hindoostan.
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Bogue Town	L. M. S		Cuttack*	C. M. S	Hindoostan.
Box-Tahlo	A. B. C. F. M.	Choctaw Land.		B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bombay*	A. B. C. F. M. A. B. C. F. M. & S. M. S	Hindoostan.	Cutwa*	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
	E B. M. S		Dacca*	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bonstollah	B. M. S	Hindoostan.	Darwar	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Bootchnaap	W. M. S	Bechuanas.	Delawares*	A. B. C. P. M.	Western Ter.
Borabora*	L. M. B	Society Islands.	Delhi*	B. M. S	Hindoostan,
Boojesmans,)	F. P. M. S	South Africa.	Demarara*	L. M. S	Guiana.
or Bushmen			Digah	B. M. B	Hindoostan.
Bonjeveld	L. M. B	Cape Colony. Osage Indians. Asiatic Turkey.	Dinagepore*	Ser. Ban	Hindoostan.
Boudinott	A. B. C. F. M.	Osage Indians.	Dominica	W. M. B	West Indies. East Cherokees.
Boujah*	C. M. B	Asiatic Turkey.	Dseyohee	A. B. C. F. M.	East Cherokees.

Dum Dum	Ser. Bap	Hindoostan.	Korneralies	W M. S	Carlon
Dwight*	A. B. C. F. M.	Western Ter.	Kurnaui*	W. M. B	Ceylon. Hindoostan. Hindoostan.
Ebenezer	A. B. B. F. M.	Western Ter. W. Creeks.	Kuttalem	C. M. B,	Hindoostan
Ebony	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Kuonk Physos	A. B. B P. M.	Birmah.
Edina*	A D D D W	Liberia.	Lac-qui Parie* .	A. B. C. F. M.	
	A. B. B. P. M.		TWC-day Laties	A. B. U. F. M.	Siouz Indians.
Eimeo*	L. M. S	Georgian Islands.	Lageba, or La-	L. M. S	Feejes Islands.
Elim	Un. Breth	Cape Colony. St. John's, W. I.	_ quaha		
Emaus	Un. Breth	St. John's, W. I.	Lahaina	A. B. C. F. M.	Maui.
Enon*	Un. Breth Un. Breth	Cape Colony.	Lake Harriet La Point	A. B. C. F. M.	Sioux Indians. Wisconsin Ter.
Fairfield	Un. Breth	Jamaica.	La Point	A. B. C. F. M.	Wisconsin Ter.
Fairfield*	A. B. C. P. M.	W. Cherokees.	Lattakoo*	A. B. C. F. M. A. B. C. F. M. L. M. S.	South Africa.
Falmouth	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Launceston*	W. M. S	Van Diemen's L
Forks of Illinois	A. B. C. F. M.	W. Cherokees.	Leech Lake*	A. B. C. F. M.	Chippeways.
Fredericksthal*.	Un. Breth	Greenland.	Loften or Li.		
Freetown*	C. M. S	Sierra Leone.	Lefuga, or Li-	W. M. S	Habaai Islands.
Friedensberg	Un. Breth	St. Croix.	Leicester Town.	C. M. S	Sierra Leone.
Friedensfield	Tim Breth	Gt. Cluiz.		N N O	Melevie
Pricaenancia	Un. Breth	St. Croix. St. Croix. E. Cherokees.		N. M. S Un. Breth	Maleysia.
Friedenshal	Un. Breth	St. Croix.	Lichtenau*	Un. Breth	Greenland.
Galanceya	A. B. B. F. M. W. M. S.	E. Cherokees.	Lichtenfels*	Un. Breth	Greenland.
Gibraltar*	W. M. B	Spain.	Lilly Fountain*	W. M. S	Cape Colony.
Gloucester	C. M. S	Sierra Leone.	Longowan*	N. M. S L. M. S	Celebes,
Gnadenthal*	Un. Breth	Cape Colony.	Lonsdale	L. M. S	Berbice.
Goahattee*	Ser. Ban	Assem.	Lovedale	Gl. M. S	Caffraria.
Gornekpore*	O. M. S	Hindoostan.	Luces	8. M. S	Jamaica.
Graaf Reinet* Grace Hill	C. M. S L. M. S	Cape Colony.	Luckyantipore .	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Grace Hill.	Un. Breth	Antigua.	Mackinaw*	A. B. C. F. M.	Michigan.
Graham's To'n*	L. M. S	Antigua. Cape Colony.	Madchar	A. B. C. F. M. Ger. M. S	Asiatic Russia.
Grape Island	A. M. M. S	Unner Canada	** ,	L. M. S. & C.	
Green Bay*	A R C P M	Upper Canada. Wisconsin Ter.	Madras*	Mr g	Hindoostan.
Cronedet	A. B. C. F. M. W. M. S.	West Indies.	Mahin	M. S	Hindoostan.
Grenada*	77 M. D	Eimeo.	Main	A. B. U. F. M.	Times Const
Griffin Town	L. M. S		Malyehdusk	A. M. M. S	Upper Canada.
Griqua Towns .	L. M. S	South Africa.	Maiaoiti*	L. M. S	Georgian Islands
Groenekloof	Un. Breth	Cape Colony.	Malacca*	L. M. S	Chin India. Mediterranean
Haabai Islands.	W. M. G	Polynesia.	Malta*	L. M. S. & A.	Mediterranean
Hakalau	A. B. C. F. M.	Hawaii.		B. C. F. M	Sea.
Hamburg*	A. B. B. F. M.	Germany.	Manaia*	L. M. B	Hervey Islands.
Hankey P	L. M. S	Cape Colony.	Manchineel*	IB. M. S	Jamaica:
Hankey City	L. M. B	Tahiti.	Manepy	A. B. C. F. M.	Ceylon.
Hankey City Hamwell	B. M. S	Ceylon.	Mangunga	A. B. C. F. M. W. M. S.	New Zealand.
Harmony*	A. B. C. F. M.	Western Ter.	Marquesas Is.* .	II. M St	Polynesia.
Harper*	A. B. C. F. M.	Liberia.	Mattura*	W. M. S A. B. B. F. M. A. B. B. F. M.	Ceylon.
Hastings	C. M. B	Sierra Leone.	Maubee	A D D B M	Birmah.
Haweis Town	L. M. S	Tahiti.		A D D F M.	Birmah.
Hawels Town			Maulmein*	A. B. B. F. M.	
Hebron*	Un. Breth	Labrador.	Maumee	A. B. U. F. M.	Ohio.
Hemel-en Aurde		Cape Colony.	Maupiti*	L. M. B	Society Islands. Indian Ocean.
Hervey Is.*	L. M. B	Hervey Islands.	Mauritius*	L. M. S	Indian Ocean.
Hibifo	W. M. S	Tonga.	Mauti*	L. M. S	Hervey Islands.
Hilo	A. B. C. F. M. W. M. S.	Hawaii.	Mayaveram*	C. M. S	mingoostan.
Hobart Town*	W. M. S	Van Diemen's L.	M'Carty's I.*	W. M. S	Senegambia. Green Bay.
Honolulu*	A. B. C. F. M. Un. Breth	Oahu.	Mennomonies	P. E. M. S	Green Bay.
Hopedale*	Un. Breth	Labrador.	Merut, or Mee-)		
Hopefield	A. B. C. F. M.	Osages.	Put*	C. M. S	Hindoostan.
Fourah	B. M. S	Hindoostan. Society Islands.	Mergui*	A. B. B. F. M.	Chin India:
Huahine*	L. M. S	Society Islands.	Mesopotamia	Un. Breth	Jamaica.
Hurnee*	B. M. B	Hindoostan.	Mizapore	C. M. B	Hindoostan.
Irwin Hill:	Un. Breth	Jamaica.	Mitiaro*	T. M R	Hervey Islands.
Jamapatam*	A. B. C. F. M.		Mos*	N M d	Malaysia.
Janiapatam"	G D C	Ceylon. Hindoostan.	Monadan	N M G	Celebes.
Janjara	S. P. G	Hindoostan.	Monado*	N. M. S	Hindoostan.
Jaunpore	T T G		mongnyr	A D D	
Jerusalem*	L. J. S	Palestine.	Monrovia*	A. B. B. F. M.	Liberia.
Jessore	Ser. Bap	Hindoostan.	Montego Bay	B. M. S	Jamaica. West Indies.
Juggernaut*	Ger. Bap	Hindoostan.	Montserrat* Morley*	W. M. S W. M. S	west indies.
Kaawaloa	A. B. C. F. M.	Hawaii.	Morley*	W. M. B	Caffraria.
Kaiboba*	W. M. S	Ceram.	Mount Charles .	B. M. S	Jamaica.
Kailua	A. B. C. F. M.	Hawaii.	Mount Coke*	W. M. B	Caffraria.
Kaira	L. M. S	Hindoostan.			
Kalauha	L. M. S A. B. C. F. M.	Molakai.	trict	C. M. S	Sierra Leone.
Kandy*	C. M. S	Ceylon.	Munosy Town	A. M. M. B	Upper Canada.
	8. M. S. & Ger.		Mountain Dis- trict	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Karass*	M. S	Asiatic Russia.	Nain*	Un. Breth	Labrados
Kat River	L. M. S	Caffraria.	Nassuk*	C. M. S	Labrador. Hindoostan,
Khamiesberg	W. M. S.	Cape Colony.	Negapatam*	W. M. S	Hindoostan.
		Uindoosten	TAGE STREET	197 14 0	
Kharee	B. M. S	Hindoostan.	Negombo Nellore*	W. M. S	Ceylon.
Khodon*	L. M. S	Siberia.	Mellore	C. M. S	Ceylon.
Kiaggerre Kiddeekiddee*	L. M. B	Hindoostan,	Nevis*	W. M. S	West Indies.
	C. M. B	New Zealand.	New Ameter-	L. M. S	Berbice.
Kidderpore	L. M. S	Hindoortan.	dam*		
Kingston*	B. M. B	Jamaica.	New Fairfield	Un. Breth	Upper Canada.
Kishnagur	C. M. S	Hindoostan.	New Fairfield Newfield	Un. Breth	Antigua. Greenland.
Kisser	N. M. S	Malaysia.	New Hernhut* .	Un. Breth	Greenland.
Kissey	C. M. B	Sierra Leone.	Newville	A. B. B. F. M.	Birmah.
Kohala	A. B. C. F. M.		Neyoor*	L. M. B	Hindoostan.
Komaggas*	L. M. B	South Africa.	Niesky	Un. Breth	St. Thomas, W. L.
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	Company of the Compan				

Principe Princip	0 M a	Hindorston 1	(Samarane	L. M. a.	Java.
Nilgherry Hille Nuddea	C. M. S	Hindoostan.	Samarang***********************************	A. B. C. P. M.	Chippewaya
Nukualola, dans	W. M. S.	Tongataboo.	Sault de St.) Mary		
Oahu*	W. M. S A. B. C. F. M.	Tongataboo. Bandwich 1s.	Mary*	A. B. B. F. M.	- /
Ochorias	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Bavanna la Mer-	B. M. S	Jamaica.
Okkake	Un. Breth	Labrador. Jamaica.	Seligninak*	L. M. S	Siberia. New York.
Old Harbour	B. M. S L. M. S	Jamaica. Siberia.	Seneca	Ser. Ran	Hindoostan.
Ordeluhee	A. R. R. P. M.	E. Cherokeen.	Beringapatam*	Ser. Bup. W. M. S	Hindoostan.
Ordeluhee	A. B. C. F. M.	Ceylon. Western Ter.	Shawness*	A. B. B. F. M. Un. Breth	Western Ter.
Osages* Otuihu	A. B. C. F. M. L. M. S.	Western Ter.	Sharon	Un. Breth	Barbadoes.
Ottoba	L. M. S	New Zealand.	Sher berd's Hall. Shilola		Jamaica.
Otoes&Omahas*	A. B. B. F. M. A. B. B. F. M.	Western Ter. Western Ter.	Shortwood	Un. Breth	Caffraria. Jamaica.
Oxford	B. M. B.	Jamaica.	Shusha	B. M. S	Asiatic Russia.
Paaris	B. M. S	Cape Colony	Sidney*	W. M. S	Asiatic Russia. N. South Wales.
Pacaltedorpa	L. M. S	Cape Colony.	Simon's Town	W. M. A	Cape Colony.
Padang	B. M. S	Sumatra.	Sincapore*	L. M. S	Malaysia. Jamaica.
Paidmatta* Palamcottah*	C. M. S C. M. S	New Zealand. Hindoostan.	Sioux Indiana*	A. B. C. F. M.	Wisconsin Ter.
Pauditeripo	A. B. C. P. M.	Ceylon.	Smyrna*	RAFRSAC	
Pantura*	A. B. C. F. M. W. M. S	Ceylon.		M.S, & I.I.S.	Asiatic Turkey.
Papine	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Soory	M.S.&I.I.S. B. M. S. B. M. S.	Hindoostan.
Paramaribo*	Un. Breth	Surinem.	Spanish Town*.	In Pust	Jamaica.
Paramatta* Paroganno	W. M. S C. M. S	N. South Wales. Hindoostan.	Spring Gardens. St. Ann's Bay	Un. Breth B. M. S	Antigua. Jamaica.
Paris*	A. B. B. F. M.	France.	St. Bartholo-)	W. M. S.	
Passage Fort Patna	B. M. S	Jamaica.	IDOW'99		West Indies,
	IB. M. S	Hindoostan.	St. Christo-	Un. Breth. &	West Indies.
Pawnees* Pearotuah*	A. B. C. F. M. L. M. S.	Missouri Ter.	pher's*	Un. Breth. & W. M. S Un. Breth W. M. S	West Indies.
Phonent River)		Hervey Islands.	St. Eostatius*	W. M. A.	West Indies.
Spring	A. B. B. F. M.	Chonaw Land.	St. John's L	run. Breth	West Indies.
	L. M. S	South Africa.	ist. John's	Un. Breth	Antigua.
Plaatberg* Point du Galle*.	W. M. S W. M. S	South Africa.	St. Martin's I St. Thomas' I.*. St. Vincent's*	W. M. S Un. Breth	Antigua. West Indies. West Indies.
Point du Galle*.	W. M. B	Ceylon.	St. Thomas' I.*.	Un. Breth W. M. S	West Indies.
Point Pedro	IA. B. C. II. M.	Chippowava	St. Vincent's		South Africa
Poonah*	S. M. S.	Ceylon. Chippeways. Hindoostan.	Stellenbosch*	L. M. S R. M. S	South Africa. South Africa.
Pooree*	S. M. S Gen. Sap W. M. S	Hindoostan.	Stewart's Town	B. M. S	Jamaica.
Port Arthur	W. M. S	Van Diemen's L.	Stockholm*	W. M. S	Sweden.
Port au Prince	A. B. B. P. M.	Hayti.	Sulkea	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Port Elizabeth .	L. M. S	Cape Colony Cape Colony	Syra	B. M. S	Hindoostan.
Port Maria	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Tabor Mount	Un. Breth.	Barbadoes.
Port Royal	III. M. 13	Jr.maica.	Tabuai*	I. M. S	Austral Islands.
	A. B. B. F. M.	Western Ter.	Tahaa*	L. M. S	Society Islands.
Prince Ed-	Ser. Bap	Chin India.	Takoo*	W. M. S	Caffraria.
ward's L*	S. P. G	North America.	Tally-gunge Tananariyou*	L. M. S	Hindoostan. Madagaeear.
Pulicat*	C. M. B	Hindoostan.	Tanjore*	B. P. G	Hindoostan.
Pulo Pinange	L. M. S	Chin India.	Tauai, or Kauai*	A. B. C. P. M. A. B. C. F. M.	Sandwich Is.
Putney	B. M. S	Jamaica.	Tavoy*	A. B. C. F. M.	Chin India.
Pyhen*	C. M. S	New Zealand. Hindoostan.	Tellicherry*	C. M. S	Hindoostan.
Rainten*	T. M. di	Society Islands.	Thaba	N. M. S	Malaysia. Caffraria.
Raivaivai*	L. M. S	Austral Islands,	Theopolis*	L. M. S	Cape Colony
Rapa, or Opara*	L. M. B	Austral Islands.	Thomas	A. R. R. F. M	Michigan.
Raratos*	L. M. B	Austral Islands. New Zealand.	Tillipally	A. B. C. F. M. N. M. S.	Ceylon.
Ranguen*	C. M. S A. B. C. F. M.	New Zealand. Birmah.	Timorlanet*	Un Breth	Australasia.
Ranguon*	L. M. B	Hervey Islands.	Tobago*	Un. Breth. & W. M. S	West Indies.
Red River Dis-		Choctaw Land.	Tondano*	N. M. S	Celebes.
trict	a. s. s. F. M.	DIROUSEW LISHE.	Tonawanda	A. B. B. F. M.	New York. Polynesia.
Red River Bet-	C is a	Windows to Day	Tonga Is.*	A. B. B. F. M. W. M. S. W. M. S.	rolynesia.
tlement, or	C. M. S	Hudson's BayTer.	Tortola* Trebisonde*	W. M. B.	West Indies. Asiatic Turkey.
Regent	W. M. S	Sierra Leone.	Trichinopoly*	A. B. C. F. M. 8. P. G.	Hindoostan.
Rhio*	IN. M. B	Malaysia.	Trincomalee*	8. P. G	Ceylon.
Rice Lake	A. M. M. B	Upper Canada.	Tripidad*	W. M. S	West Indies.
Rimatara*	L. M. B	Austral Islands. Jamaica.	Tripasore*	L. M. S	Hindoostan.
Rio Bueno River District	B. M. S	Jamaica. Sierra Leone.	Tuibagh*	L.M.S.	Cape Colony. New York.
Roma*	C. M. S N. M. S	Malaysia.	Tusquitty	A. B. C. F. M. A. B. B. F. M.	E. Cherokees.
Roby Town	L. M. S	Malaysia. Tahiti.	Uitenhage*	L. M. B	Cape Colony.
Rottee*	N. M. S	Malaysia. Hindoortan.	Umpukan	W. M. S	Caffraria.
Rungpore*	Ser. Bap	mindoortan.	Uncha	W. M. S	Caffraria.
Rurutu*	L. M. B	Austral Islands. Austral Islands.	Union* Urumia*	A. B. C. F. M.	Western Ter. Persia.
Radamahl	Ser. Ran	Hindoostan.	Trees 4	Gar M B	Quines
Bahebguni	Ser. Bap Ser. Bap	Hindoostan.	Utumaoro	L. M. S.	Society Islands.
Bahebgunj Balem	L. M. S	Hindoostan.	Utumaoro Vaitorare Valley Towns	L. M. S	Society Islands.
Balom*	W. M. S	Cape Colony.	Valley Towner .	A. B. B. F. M.	Cherokees.
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Of the Countries in which the Principal Missionary Stations are situated, and the Religious Denominations, &c. by whom they have been established.

Denominations, &c. by whom they have been established.

Greenland and Labrador.—United Brethren, or Moravians.
Upper Canada.—Moravians, and English and American Missionaries.

Chippeways, Stour, &c.—American Board of Foreign Missions and American Baptiste.

West Indies—Moravians and English Missionaries.

Cherokees and Choctaws—American Board of Foreign Missions and American Baptiste.

West Indies—Moravians and English Missionaries.

Guiana—Moravians and English Missionaries.

Greece—American and English Missionaries.

Syria—American and English Missionaries.

Siberia—English Missionaries.

Siberia—English Missionaries.

Siberia—English Spiscopalians and Methodists.

Liberia—American English Episcopalians and Methodists.

Cape Colony and Caffraria—English, Scottish, Moravian, and Rhenish Missionaries.

Madagascar—English Missionaries.

Madagascar—English Missionaries.

Madagascar—English Episcopalians, Baptists and Methodists.

Southern Hindoostan—English Episcopalians and Methodists.

Southern Hindoostan—English American and Scottish Missionaries.

Ceyton—English Episcopalians, Baptists and Methodista, and American Board of Foreign Missionaries.

Biarna—American and Dutch Missionaries.

Biarna—American and English Missionaries.

Malaysia—American, English Missionaries.

Malaysia—American, English Missionaries.

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Malaysia—American and English Missionaries.

Malaysia—American and English Missionaries.

New Zealand—English Hissionaries.

Society and Georgian Islands, &c.—English Missionaries.

New Zealand—English Episcopalians and Methodists.

NEWLY DISCOVERED ISLANDS, &c.

The following list of Islands, Reefs, Shoals, &c. are all late discoveries, and have never been hitherto inserted on any Map of the World. They form but a part of the information co...ected on that subject, from various quarters and individuals. Some of these, on being placed on the map according to their latitude and longitude, were found to approximate so closely to others already known, as to render it probable that they were the same, and have been consequently omitted. Those islands, &c. distinguished by proper names, will be found in the Consulting Index, and their positions on the map ascertained according to the rule detailed at page 10; and the places of those classed under a generic title, may be ascertained by a reference to their latitude and longitude.

	LAT.	LON.	DISCOVERED BY
Allen's Reef	25° 28' N.	170° 20′ W.	Capt. J. Allen.
Anne's Island		168° 21' W.	
Bank		179° 00' E.	
Bergh's Group		152° 15′ E.	Capt. Morrell.
Bowen's Island		143° 20' E.	
Brind's Island		174° 00' E.	Capt. Chase.
Brock's Island		159° 30' W.	
Brown's Island		1750 48' E.	Capt. Planket.
Buckle's Island		178° 00' W.	oute - monte
Bunker's Island.		173º 30' W.	
		160° 40' W.	
Bunker's Shoal		175° 40' E.	

| Reef. | 20 30' N. | Reef. | 320 34' N. | Reef. | 10 30' S. | Reef. | 10 30' S. | Reef and Shoal | 10 45' S. | Rimatara | 220 30' S. | Rocky Island | 100 45' S. | Rurutu Island | 220 40' S. | Rutui | 240 15' S. | Rutui | 140 41' S. | Shoal | 140 41' S. | Shoal | 130 30' N. | Steel | 150 30' N. | Steel

Shoal

NEWLY DISCOVERED ISLANDS. &c.

Capt. Macy, 1897. Capt. R. Macy.

DISCOVERED BY

Capt. Joy. Capt. Coffin, 1894.

Salem Ship

Capt. Weeks, 1830.

Capt. Morrell. Nantucket Ship.

Capt. Morrell. Capt. Barrett. Capt. Beechey, R. N.

Capt. Hunter. Nantucket Ship. Capt. Plaskett.

Capt. R. Macy.

Capt. Brown, 1830. Capt. Brown, 1830. Capt. Worth.

Capt. Coffin, 1896.

Capt. Treak.

179º 34' E. 160° 15′ E. 152° 50′ E. 142º 15' E. 147º 10' E.

157º 40' E.

119º 34' W.

159° 50′ E. 1530 45' E

151° 18' W. 179° 28' E.

170° 20' W. 169° 55' W.

170° 25' W.

150° 15' W. 148° 00' W. 144º 59' W.

18° 30' N. 18° 00' N.

Capt. R. Wecks.

Capt. Pease.

Capt. John Gardner

Capt. Barrett.

279 NEWLY DISCOVERED ISLANDS, &c.					
	LAT.	LON.	DISCOVERED BY		
Skiddy's Group	60 04' N.	153° 21' E.	Capt. Morrell, 1830.		
Skiddy's Shoal	7º 35 N.		Capt. Morrell, 1830.		
Smut-face Island	8º 16' S.	177º 19' E.	Capt. Plankett.		
Sonder Grande.	15° 15' B.	1 145° 30′ W.			
South Island	260 30 N.	141° 25′ E.			
Spartan Island	1º 10' N.	159° 30' E.			
St. Pert's	18º 00' N.	116° 00' W.			
Starbuck's Group	00 00v	174º 30' E.	Nantucket Ship.		
Strong's Island	50 93' N.	1630 10' E.			
Swain's Island	59° 30' N.	100° 00' W.	Capt. Swain:		
Talsam's Island	90 80' N.	1660 45' E.			
Tracy's Island	70 30 8	178º 45' E.	Nantucket Ship.		
Tregoses Islets	17º 20' 8.	1510 00' E.			
Tuck's Island			Capt. Worth.		
Tuck's Reof and Rocks		159° 30′ E.	Capt. Worth.		
Westervelt's Group		153° 10' E.	Capt. Morrell.		
Willey's Island		270 43' W.	Capt. Brown, 1830.		
Winslow's Island					
Worth's Island			Capt. Worth, 1829.		

THE END.

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POPULATION OF EACH COUNTY, &c. .

IN THE DIFFERENT

STATES AND TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN THE YEAR 1840.

MAINE.	Providence 80,076 Washington - 14,006	Warren 18,400 ;	Perry 17,006 Philadelphia 906,007 Poter 5,071 Pite 8,000
Armstok 8,416	A 40 14 1 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 1	Wayne - 42.067	Philidelphia 205,007
Cumberland 66,056 Franklin 90,001 Essayek 90,005	8 Counties 100,000	Washington 41,000 Wayne 44,007 Washington 48,008 Take 90,444	Pike
Hancock 91.606	CONNECTIOUT.		Schwylkill SQUAR Somerast 10,000
Econobes 54,608	Pairfield 48,917	56 Counties - 2,425,980	Sesquebauma S1,195 Tiona 15,466
Ozford	Hartford 55.000	NEW JERSEY.	
Penobecot 45,786	Mildianes B4 070	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Vessings - 17,000
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